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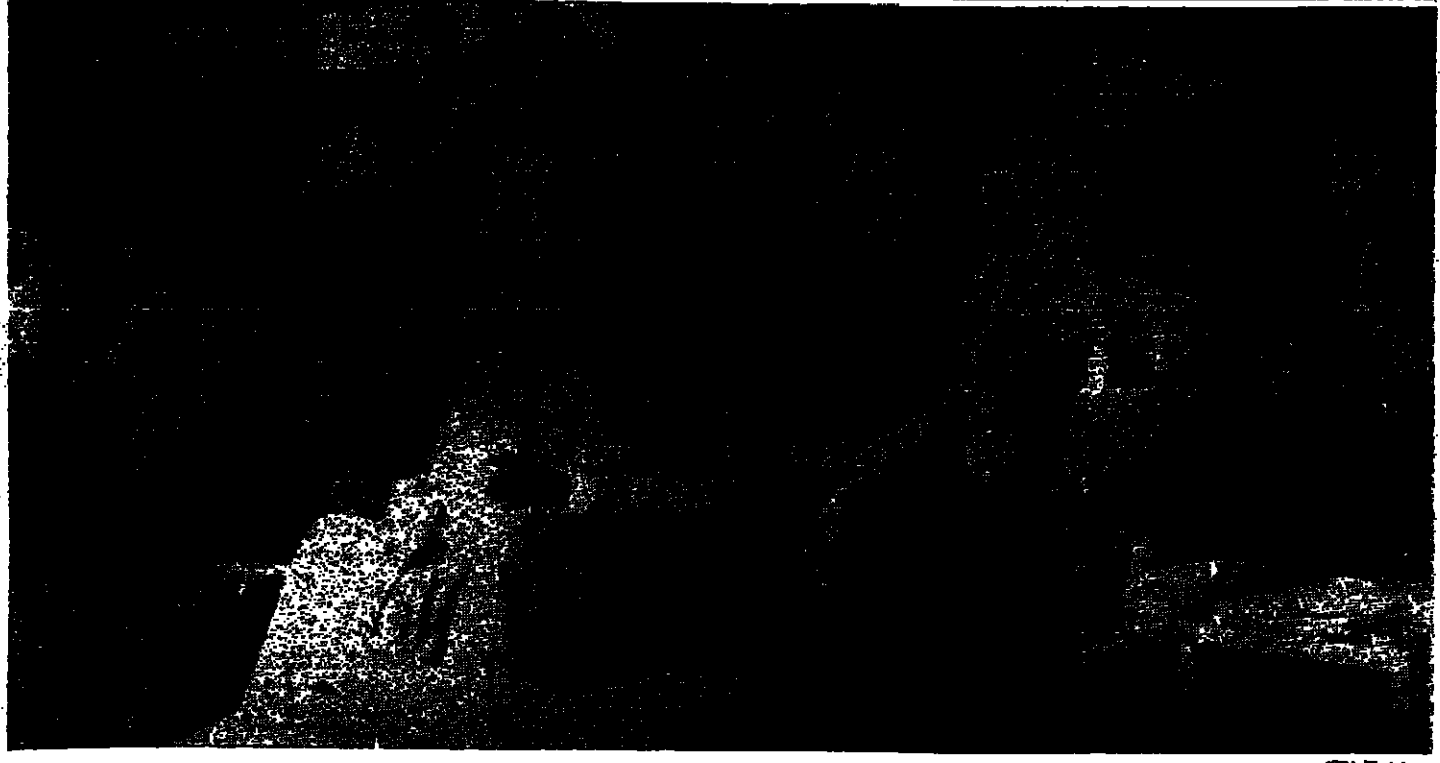
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ATTEND RACE: UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahayan accompanied King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd to a camel race Thursday sponsored by Al Farouq club in cooperation with the National Guard. Sheikh Zayed was seen off Thursday evening after the race which was also attended by Qatar's Foreign Minister Sheikh Suhaim bin Hamad Al Khalifah. Prince Muhammad bin Saud bin Abdul Aziz, a nephew of King Khalid won the race with prizes totaling SR70,000 and two cars. The prince's Sudanese camel, Aljan, won the first round over 300 participants from Saudi Arabia and neighboring Arab countries. Shakra, the Arabian camel owned by the prince, beat 2,703 other camels in the second round. The race covered 22 kilometers ending at the Jemadiah Club outside Riyadh. (See story page 3)

Israel shells villages

Six wounded in Beirut

BEIRUT, March 21 (Agencies) — Grenade-throwing Muslim gunmen attacked a Lebanese army truck in Beirut Friday, wounding six soldiers, a Beirut police spokesman reported.

He said the attack was mounted by gunmen from Al Murabitoun, the largest Muslim militia fielded in Lebanon's 1975-76 civil war.

The truck was carrying about 30 soldiers to the Beirut port to guard the facility against occasional sniping between Muslim and rightist Christian militiamen, the spokesman said.

The truck was attacked in the busy corniche-Mazraa street. The assailants used machine guns and rocket propelled grenades in addition to hand grenades, the spokesman said.

The scene of the attack was later cordoned off by red beretted units from Lebanon's Squad 16 police force, which prevented attempts to take the rest of the troops captive, according to the spokesman.

The wounded soldiers were rushed by Squad 16 jeeps to the military hospital in mostly-Christian East Beirut and the American University Hospital in the city's Muslim sector, the spokesman said.

One wounded soldier said upon admittance that the truck driver failed to heed an order to stop at a Murabitoun checkpoint, and this caused the attack.

An army barracks was attacked in West Beirut last month by militiamen who claimed the "presence of regulars was provocative." Three soldiers were wounded in the attack.

A week later, the army garrison in the Muslim-populated port city of Sidon, 25 miles south of Beirut, was ringed and pounded with mortars by local Muslim groups. Four soldiers were killed.

Meanwhile, Lebanon and the Palestine Liberation Organization Thursday accused Israel of shelling several villages in southern Lebanon over the past five days that left four civilians dead and 14 others injured by offi-



IN JEDDAH: President Mobutu Sese Seko Zaire arrived here Thursday afternoon. He was received at the airport by Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Sudairi, Jeddah district commissioner, Salem Sanhail, chief of foreign ministry protocol, representative of the royal protocol and the Zairian ambassador here, Kinasi Basanta.

Egypt Air boycott unlikely--AACO

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — The secretary general of the Arab Air Carriers Organization Friday said the Arab League probably will not follow through on its threat to boycott Egypt.

Salim Salam predicted the League would drop the boycott because protest against the flag carrier's new Cairo-Tel Aviv flights.

A new company, Nefertiti Aviation, was formed to serve the Israeli route. No Egyptian planes will be used. Salam, who is also general manager of international and government affairs for Middle East Airlines, is visiting the Kingdom at the head of an MEA delegation at the invitation of Saudi.

The first direct air route between Israel and Egypt was opened March 4 with the arrival in Cairo of an El Al jet carrying 158 passengers.

Salam said that out of consideration for thousands of Egyptian working throughout the Arab world, the Arab League was unlikely to call for a boycott.

Nefertiti Aviation, formed from Egypt's Nile Valley Aviation Co., is scheduled to begin its regular flights to Tel Aviv later this month.

Its inaugural flight is to carry the Egyptian delegation to the Palestinian autonomy talks in Tel Aviv, according to Nefertiti director Hassan Ali Tambouli.

'Settlements jeopardize autonomy'

Vance explains U.S. vote

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 21 — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has said the United States originally decided to vote for the United Nations resolution condemning Israel's settlements in the occupied territories because "the settlements issue was becoming more exacerbated and jeopardizing the autonomy talks."

"We hoped the resolution would create the best atmosphere for the autonomy talks to succeed," Vance said in candidly admitting to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the administration may have miscalculated Israeli reaction to the March 1 resolution.

At the first public inquiry into the controversy surrounding the U.S. vote at the U.N. and its subsequent turnaround, the secretary strongly reaffirmed the United States' commitment to Israel's security while continuing to shoulder full responsibility for the "communications breakdown" that led to the United States voting for the resolution.

During a fiery morning session of questions, Vance reiterated that U.S. policy towards Israel has not changed. "Israel remains of strategic value and a source of stability. It always has been and will continue to be," he told the Senate panel which was not easily pacified with some of his answers.

While not directly saying that the U.S. was trying to "send a message" to Israel on its settlements policy — as one senator summed up his theory for U.S. reasoning in supporting the resolution — Vance did admit that the settlements issue has slowed down progress in the autonomy negotiations.

"We were trying to change Israel's position on the settlements" to move along the stalled autonomy talks, Vance said in further explaining the U.S. position regarding the controversial U.N. vote.

While Vance said the administration may have erred in believing that U.S. support for the Security Council resolution would move the autonomy talks off dead center, the secretary also assured the Senate panel that the U.S. vote has not backfired and "derailed" the autonomy talks as some senators suggested.

While making no direct link between the U.S. hoped for response from the vote at the U.N. and President Carter's subsequent decision to invite both Egypt's President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Prime Minister Menachem Begin to Washington, Vance did say the two plans have the same goal — to accelerate progress in the autonomy talks.

"We were concerned that time was running out," Vance said in explaining the White House invitations issued Wednesday for Sadat and Begin to parlay here in April with Carter.

"Such discussions though have been considered for a considerable period of time," Vance added.

While he said that a three-way summit meeting is "not contemplated," Vance did not rule out the possibility of a Camp David II summit in the future.

Speaking specifically of U.S. policy toward the Palestinians, the secretary of state said

there is "no new meaning" in the term "local Arab and Palestinian population" which was used in the U.N. resolution.

"That is a demographic description," Vance said in answering persistent questioning from Senator Jacob K. Javits (Republican) of New York.

"The term is one used in the past, and is not a determination of sovereignty," Vance replied.

Also on the subject of Palestinian national rights, Vance told Committee Chairman Senator Frank Church (Democrat) of Idaho that the Carter administration remains opposed to an "independent Palestinian state."

But Vance left open the door for U.S. approval of a future Palestinian state linked with another Arab nation — such as Jordan.

Speaking about Jerusalem, the secretary reiterated that it has been U.S. policy since 1970 that a "Jerusalem should be undivided," but in a carefully articulated answer Vance said the term "undivided" refers only to physical divisions — such as barbed wire.

"We can not speak for the ultimate sovereignty." That can only be decided through future negotiations," Vance added.

The Camp David accords contain no written commitments on future Israeli settlements in occupied territories, but Vance told the senators, who were not easily satisfied with his carefully worded responses, that there were "oral exchanges" on the subject.

When asked if Begin made a commitment at Camp David on halting future settlements, Vance said: "Begin believes he did not."

During the questioning, one Senator, Joseph R. Biden, Jr. (Democrat of Delaware) called Begin "dead wrong" on his settlements policy. Biden, also talking about the U.S. vote on the U.N. resolution, said he could understand the U.S. position if "we are trying to send a clear message to Begin."

"That would put the vote in a political sense, something all we politicians could understand," he said.

Vance faces another grueling session of questions on the vote "misunderstanding" Friday when he testifies before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

'Request less money'

U.S. urges Israelis

TEL AVIV, March 21 (Agencies) — United States Ambassador Samuel Lewis has said here Israel should reduce its economic dependence on the U.S. to avoid being "subject to the vagaries of America's policy makers."

Addressing the Rotary Club Thursday Lewis said that Israel's dependence on U.S. aid — which this year will top \$2 billion in grants and loans — caused frustrations both here and in his own country.

"Israel today is far too dependent on the United States for Israel's good or for the good of the United States," he said.

"Some of your leaders have recently been saying that it is crucial that you regain your economic independence so that you are not subject to the vagaries of American policy makers. I couldn't agree more," he said.

The United States earlier this year rejected an Israeli request for a substantial increase in aid due to the expenditure resulting from Israel's withdrawal from the Sinai Desert under the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

Finance ministry sources in Jerusalem said last week that Israel was resisting U.S. demands for tougher measures to reduce the country's huge balance of payments deficit.

The United States apparently suggested that Israel dip into its dwindling foreign currency reserves in order to alleviate the payments deficit which was expected to rise by about \$800 million this year to reach \$5 billion.

The national debt will therefore rise to \$16.8 billion.

Meanwhile, in New York, Vice-President Walter Mondale said the United States

opposed the creation of an independent Palestinian state and would not recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization unless it recognized Israel's right to exist.

He was addressing a ceremony organized by B'nai B'rith, a Jewish service organization to honor 11 denominational and non-sectarian groups that have provided aid to Indochina refugees.

A number of United Nations officials and diplomats, including Ahmed Esmi Abdel Meguid of Egypt and Israel's deputy U.N. representative, Shamay Cahana, were among the invited guests.

"The United States remains a full partner in those crucial negotiations now underway," he said referring to talks between Egypt and Israel on autonomy for Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied West bank of the Jordan and the Gaza Strip. Palestinian leaders have boycotted the talks.

Meanwhile, Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, in his first interviews to Israeli news media since taking office March 10, urged the Palestinians to join autonomy negotiations.

"One hundred years of conflict have shown that the Arabs have achieved nothing by extremism and terrorism," Shamir said in an interview broadcast Friday on Israel radio. "This is an opportunity for them to improve their status in the area."

In interviews in two afternoon newspapers, *Maariv* and *Yedioth*, Shamir also called for an information campaign to reverse the European trend toward recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization, and said difference between the United States and Israel were likely to intensify following the U.S. presidential elections in November.

Bonn borrows billions from Saudi Arabia

BONN, March 21 (AP) — The West German government confirmed Friday it is borrowing billions of marks from Saudi Arabia to offset effects of a deficit in the current balance of payments.

Deputy spokesman Armin Gruenewald told reporters the government planned to borrow "under ten billion marks," or about \$5.4 billion, but he gave no specific figures.

Gruenewald said the move was aimed to offset capital outflows caused by the fact that West Germany's current account turned into a 1979 deficit of 9 billion marks (\$4.8 billion) from a surplus of 17.6 billion marks (\$9.5 billion) in 1978.

A 1980 current account deficit of little over 20 billion marks (\$10.7 billion) is expected this year.

McGovern's Senate seat contested by Arab Congressman

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 21 — An Arab American Congressman, James Abdnor of South Dakota, has formally announced plans to seek the Senate seat held by Sen. George McGovern.

Abdnor, a former lieutenant governor of South Dakota who is completing his fourth term in the House of Representatives, has begun campaigning for the Republican nomination for the Senate seat that McGovern, a Democrat, has held for the past 18 years.

If Abdnor wins the nomination and defeats McGovern in the general election next November, he will become the second Arab American in history to serve in the U.S. senate.

The first Arab American senator, James Abourezk, retired from political life in 1978. Abourezk, like Abdnor, is a South Dakotan.

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Company has 'waterfall rights' Norwegians offer water for Arabs

Special to Arab News
OSLO, March 21 — Norway, a "water-rich" country is lining up with other nations trying to market fresh water to Saudi Arabia and Gulf countries.

"It offers high quality water from an everlasting source on the west coast of Norway," says Viggo Amundsen, of Hjalmar Lund Shipping of Oslo.

The company, which has exclusive marketing rights to a waterfall in Norway, claims "the water has been officially tested and satis-

fies chemical and bacteriological requirements for trade."

Saudi Arabia, a country without rivers, presently produces desalinated water to ease the country's thirst.

"We can load this water into tankers at a speed of 20,000 tons per hour, and would like to emphasize that water loaded into the ballast tanks of modern vessels having segregated ballast system, would remain absolutely clean as no oil has ever been loaded in these tanks," Amundsen said.

"Taking into consideration that the largest tankers can be loaded within 24 hours and that the loading place is situated a very short distance from where these tankers return in ballast to the Arabian Gulf, we feel confident that the oil companies will see it in their advantage to quote a reasonable rate for the transportation," he added.

Amundsen said that from a modern tanker of about 340,000 tons dry weight it should thus be possible to receive about 50/100,000 tons of clean drinking water.

Study calls for continuous monitoring

High pollution levels found in Saudi Arabia

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — An official report just issued indicates a high level of air pollution in the Kingdom's major cities, and recommends continuous monitoring in order to characterize problem areas and set ambient standards.

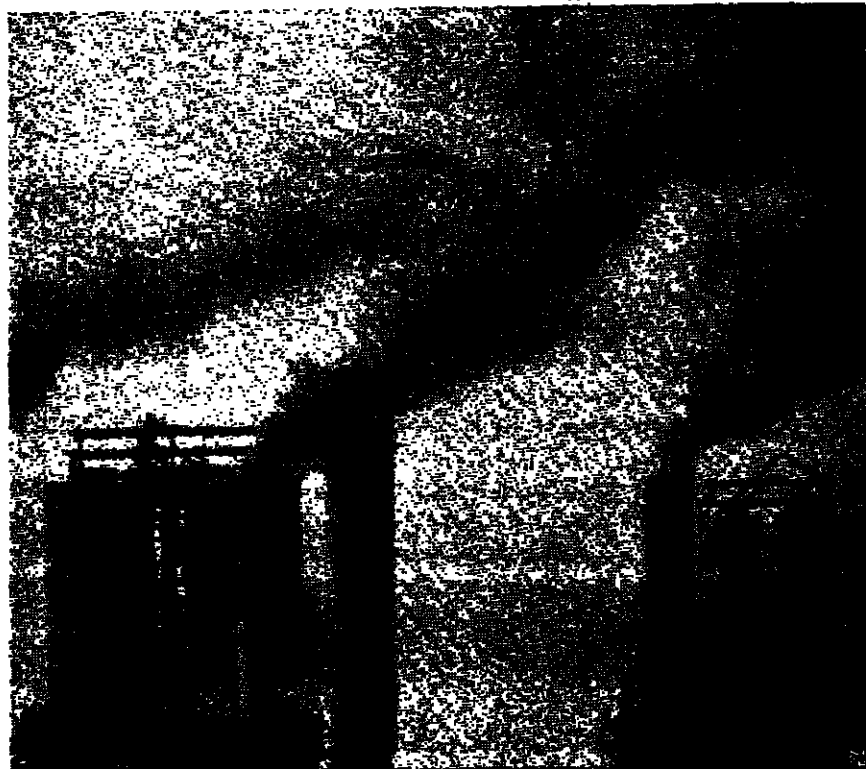
The 1977 report of the General Directorate of Meteorology, of the Ministry of Defense and Aviation published this week, said that measurements and monitoring indicated that significant pollution levels were already present in many areas. During the period from March 16, 1977 through April 1, 1977 ambient air pollution monitoring measurements were conducted in several areas of the country.

The measurements were made in major population centers of Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran. Studies also were conducted near the proposed industrial areas of Jubail and Yanbu. The measurements made included continuous monitoring of sulfur dioxide, oxidants, carbon monoxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitric oxide, and total suspended particulates.

"Results indicate that significant pollution levels are already present in many areas. The downtown areas of major population centers exhibit carbon dioxide levels which average 10 to 20 parts per million with peaks higher than 50 ppm during period of traffic congestion.

Sulfur dioxide levels are consistently in the range of 25 to 50 parts per billion, but levels as high as 90 ppb were found downwind of the Ras Tanura refinery in the small town of Safwa. Oxidant levels as high as 0.35 ppm were also recorded in this area, and in the town of Jubail oxidant peak values as high as 0.55 ppm were found."

The report said it was difficult to assess the levels of oxides of nitrogen and hydrogen sulfide since they were commonly at the lower end of sensitivity of the monitors used. Total suspended particulates were also high. The highest recorded was 967 per cubic



POLLUTION: The cement factory along Medina Road emits high levels of pollution that is dispersed in the air.

meter south of Riyadh. It must be noted, the report said, that much of the particulate is in the form of wind blown dust and sand.

For test purposes the directorate chose a few sites in Jeddah. On March 17, 1977 the site was downtown near Said Stores, King Abdul Aziz Street. The temperature was 24°C, relative humidity 63% at 1314 hours. Very high carbon dioxide levels were measured.

On March 19, 1977 south of Jeddah at the quarantine, on Mahjar Road. No significant levels of carbon dioxide were found but very high suspended particulates.

Significant levels of carbon dioxide were found in downtown Riyadh during the same week due to heavy traffic in the area. And in the Riyadh airport neighborhood low levels were indicated except for some high carbon dioxide peaks. Manual readings were taken from the ozone monitor digital readout which indicated some levels of significance.

Jubail recorded the highest levels of oxidants at 0.551 ppm. All other values were low except for several high carbon dioxide peaks. At Safwa the highest sulfur dioxide level was recorded at 90 ppb. Ozone was also relatively high.

Saudi Comment

By Hussein Ali Hussein
Al Medina

We are making a clamor and cry over the opening of a women's bank, as if it will bring in its trail some problems for the ladies of our country. Why is it that we are so reluctant to see a woman deposit her funds in a bank whose entire staff is made up of her own species?

There are, after all, many women in commercial business. Some of them, including widows and the divorced, are engaged in sale and purchase transactions, while others' wealth becomes a focal point for the weak-spirited people of their own families. Why can't she have the right to manage her funds and put them herself in a bank that has been opened especially for her?

It seems to be a necessity because other banks do not accept deposits by women and, if they do, it has to be done through a male representative. It is a practice which often puts women depositors to unnecessary difficulties and problems.

Some people have made a big fuss about women's banking, although it is very natural for an affluent country to have such a facility for its citizens.

Our women do not normally go out. But if they do, they are accompanied by someone until they come back home. Our protest of her going out to the bank may create a problem for ourselves. It might necessitate that we close down our hospitals, schools and women's colleges, since the vagabonds will harass them as they will inside a women's bank. It is an opinion calling for a guardian that a woman does not really feel much in need of.

The advocate of the women's bank is, no doubt, a person of refined thinking whose intentions no one can afford to suspect. We will only be unjust to women and to the originator of this idea if we tried to interpret it otherwise. It is definitely a service to women to find an institution to serve her by protecting her resources without any selfish motives.

Koran-reading contest to be broadcast abroad

MECCA, March 21 (SPA) — An international Koran-reading competition begins here April 12 and will be relayed live by satellite to other Islamic countries.

The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments invited 42 Islamic states, 75 Islamic associations and centers as well as Saudi nationals to take part in the contest.

Every country will send two competitors, while every Islamic organization will send only one.

Two Saudis, who have memorized the Holy Koran fully, Muhammad Mekki Hedayatullah and Fuad Musrafa Kamal Al-Lazzan, will represent Saudi Arabia.

Hasa groups plan projects for cultural improvement

HASA, March 21 (SPA) — As part of the plan for cultural, scientific, housing and handicraft improvements the Social Development Center of Hasa adopted numerous projects.

The Women's Committee of the center organized an English language training session for ladies in Umran. Presently, 14 ladies joined the session, Khalifa Al-Naeen the director of the center said Friday.

The center is carrying out a project to improve housing. The project began four months ago, and helps 90 families from ten villages in the center's operation range area.

The government has raised part of the project's capital. The rest has been collected through local contributions. It helps improve

the health and living standards of the families.

The center also helps kindergartens in Umran, Jafri, and Fidoul and provides them with various sports and playing equipment. It gives kindergartens special attention to ensure social, health and psychological care for the children, Khalifa said.

There are 270 children in these kindergartens, he added.

The center has a project for developing handicrafts and skills for rural youths. Forty-five youths enrolled the session, aimed at preserving the rural skills, Khalifa added.

The services of the center extend to 21 villages in addition to towns of Umran and Jafri.

Saudi-Cairo to open branch

Women's banking expands

JEDDAH, March 21 — The Saudi-Cairo Bank is to open a women's branch in Riyadh on Wednesday, March 26, becoming the fourth "women only" branch bank in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi-Cairo women's branch follows the opening of the National Commercial Bank full service ladies branch in Jeddah, and the Al Rajhi Company for money Changing and Commerce in Riyadh and Jeddah.

Other banks expected to follow suit include the Riyadh Bank, Citibank and the Saudi-British Bank. The banks have begun opening branches for women as a result of a

ruling by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency. The banks permit segregation of the sexes and adhere to Islamic teachings giving women the right to manage their business affairs.

Although new to Saudi Arabia, women only branches are fairly common in Kuwait and other Gulf states.

One woman banker from the NCB branch in Jeddah told Arab News that now women could stop storing valuables and money in their homes and deposit it in the bank. The result would be an additional source of funds for investment into the economy, she added.

Islamic Solidarity Fund to meet

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 21 — The Islamic Solidarity Fund will open its 16th session here Saturday under Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, the president of the fund's Permanent Council.

The ISF is an agency of the Organization of the Islamic Conference sharing the same headquarters, but having an independent budget. Its resources come from the OIC member states.

The Fund, which began operating in 1974, works to foster Islamic solidarity throughout the world. It promotes Islamic and Arabic cultures, gives aid to Muslim countries and institutions all over the world and aids Muslims in distress. The Fund sponsors religious and cultural programs all over the world.

One of the main issues for the Fund is to ensure a steady income, instead of depending solely on member states contributions. For this purpose the creation of a \$100 million Waqf (or Trust) is envisaged and is to be financed by OIC member states. Saudi Arabia has already committed \$15 million for the Trust.

High on the agenda of the six-day session

will be a discussion of the draft statute of the Trust. The draft will be submitted to the 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference scheduled for April in Islamabad.

A follow-up committee under Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim and comprising representatives from Bangladesh, Sudan and the Islamic Secretariat met Thursday to revise the Trust's statute along with the new by-laws of the ISF.

The 16th session will also discuss draft programs for propagating the Islamic faith, as well as symposia and youth welfare activities.

Other items on the agenda include discussion and endorsement of reports and recommendations of the sub-committees in charge of examining requests for assistance to Islamic organizations and centers in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, Europe and America.

The group also will evaluate the Fund's activities during the period from February 1979 to February, 1980. Delegates will consider coordination with the Islamic Development Bank in common areas of endeavor. The group will study a proposal by the Mecca based Muslim World League to set up an Islamic Relief Organization.

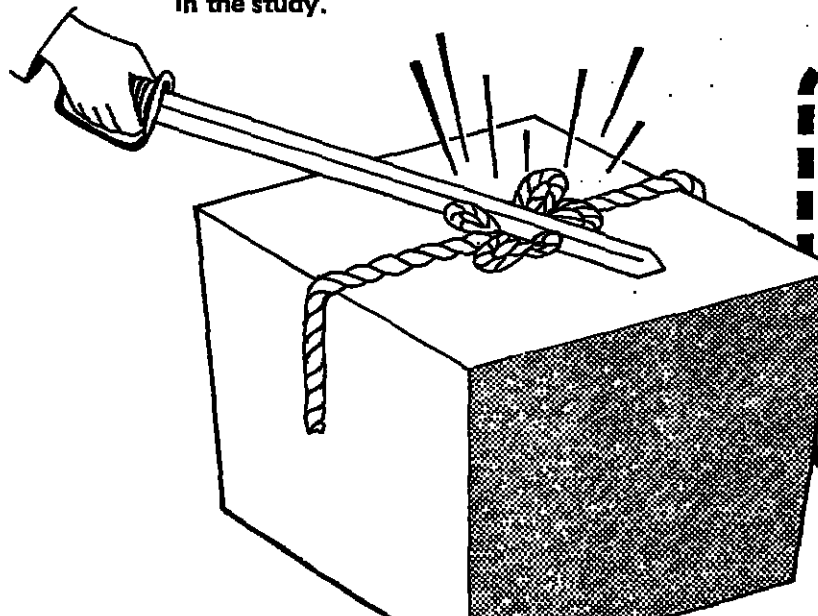
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Sixth annual camel races held

AL-JANADEREYYAH, March 21 — The Sixth Annual Camel Race was held here Thursday. King Khaled and Gulf Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan of the United Arab Emirates officiated the event, considered a major occasion for the entire Arabian Peninsula. More than 3,000 camels participated in the race. The first event, a 22-kilometer contest, saw 300 Sudanese camels vie for the award. The second race had 2,704 Arabian camels competing. Official attendance was difficult to estimate since the stands were packed with people from all walks of life.

Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, along with princes, ministers, senior officials and high-ranking officers, also attended.

ERRATUM

On Thursday, March 20, Arab News printed an interview with Salim A. Salam, general manager of International and government affairs for Middle East Airlines. He was incorrectly quoted on one statement. The statement should have read: "If Saudia Airlines needs their 747s overhauled, MEA would perform the services, also Saudia has some L-1011 aircraft that MEA could service also."

Ministry announces mosque clean-up week

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — The third annual week for mosque maintenance will begin Saturday throughout the Kingdom. It is to be carried out by concerned government departments such as governorates, municipalities, the Ministry of Information and schools.

Amin Attas, deputy minister of pilgrimage and endowments Thursday said the aim of the week was to concentrate in looking after mosques and remind the people of their responsibilities towards the houses of God (mosques) to put them in the proper place for sanctity.



INSPECTION: Australian Deputy Premier and Minister of Commerce, T.D. Anthony, returned to Riyadh from Hurd where he visited agricultural projects.

The winning jockeys were mostly children under age 14. Prizes were awarded for first through fifth place camels. To insure no confusion in issuing awards, jockeys picked numbers from guards after they passed the finish line.

Prince Badr bin Abdul Aziz, deputy commander of the National Guard and committee supervisor for the event, took the winners to King Khaled and Sheikh Zayed, who congratulated the jockeys and handed out lavish awards.

The first-place winner received SR35,000 and a tow-truck, presented by the National Car Company. Second place received SR25,000, third received SR22,000, fourth received SR21,000 and fifth place won SR20,000.

Although betting is forbidden in Islam, camel racing has been a sport of Gulf Arabs. The event is held and the prizes awarded to improve the races and continue the tradition. Winners were:

- The Sudanese Camel race**
1. Epsolon — Prince Saad bin Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz
 2. Shoshan — Prince Muhammad bin Saad bin Abdul Aziz
 3. Al-Bair — Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdul Aziz
 4. Al-Fera — Prince Saad bin Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz
 5. Hobab — Prince Muhammad bin Saad bin Abdul Aziz
- The Arabian Peninsula race**
1. Shagra — Prince Saad bin Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz
 2. Chayyan — Prince Saad bin Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz
 3. Al-Naway — Prince Saad bin Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz
 4. Al-Hayyan — Prince Faisal bin Khaled bin Abdul Aziz
 5. Al-Wakeel — Prince Saad bin Muhammad bin Abdul Aziz

At noon, King Khaled and Sheikh Zayed, were the guests of a banquet given by Prince Abdullah.

The banquet also was attended by a large number of princes and senior officials as well as the delegate accompanying Sheikh Zayed, which included UAE Vice President Sheikh Rashid bin Said Al-Maktoum.

Saudia sponsors local book fair

JEDDAH, March 21 — A week-long Book Fair was sponsored by Saudia at the Zabin Compound where the offices of the Corporate Training & Development is housed. The Saudi publishing & distributing House, who extended cooperation in organizing the fair, put on display nearly five thousand titles (both in Arabic and English languages) on various subjects which included religion and science, reference books, encyclopedia, books on teaching of English as a foreign language, elementary books for children etc.

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RACES: Winners of the camel races in Riyadh are shown pictured here.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 21 (SPA) — The rector of Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Dr. Abdullah bin Abdul Mohsen Al-Turki, Wednesday began a tour of several Islamic nations for three weeks. The aim of the visit is to inspect Islamic universities and centers and institutions dealing with Islamic and Arabic language studies. Dr. Abdullah will discuss mutual cooperation between these institutions and the universities and institutes in the Kingdom.

AMMAN, March 21 (SPA) — The Jordanian Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs, Kamel Sharif, will represent his country in the forthcoming conference of the Messenger and the Message, to be held in London between April 12 and 15. The Jordanian government was invited to the conference by its organizers, the European Islamic Council.

ISLAMABAD, March 21 (SPA) — The second Islamic religion propagation conference ended here Thursday. The conference decided that an international center is to be built at Mecca, in order to propagate the Islamic religion in different parts of the world. The conference sponsored by Qaid University of Pakistan, in cooperation with King Abdulaziz University of Jeddah, decided to build in Islamic cities centers for higher Islamic studies and the infusion of the Arabic language in these centers to offer non-Arabic speaking Muslims find an opportunity to combat the ideals and essentialities of Islam. It also called Muslim countries to propagate the Islamic religion and culture among its people. The conference held its first meeting in Mecca in 1977 and called for the study of Islamic sharia and will hold its next session in Bangladesh.

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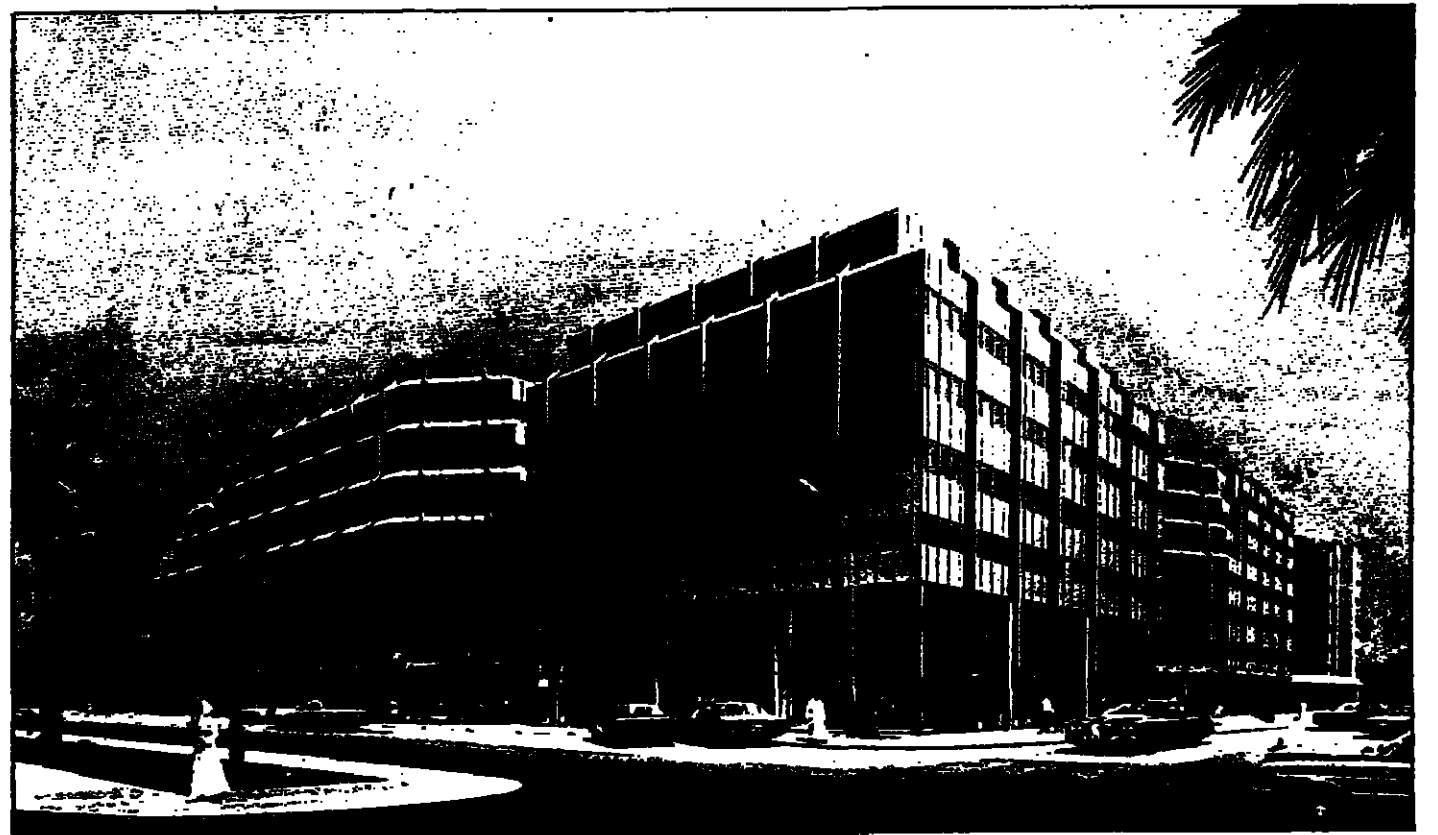
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Syria minister blames U.S., Israel for internal unrest

DAMASCUS, March 21 (Agencies) — A top Syrian official has blamed recent unrest in northern Syria on American and Israeli agents taking advantage of merchants dissatisfied with price controls imposed by the Socialist government.

Information Minister Ahmad Iskandar Ahmad, answering written questions at his office here Thursday also praised his country's deepening strategic relationship with the Soviet Union.

The minister calmly commented on the strikes and demonstrations that shut down the northern cities of Aleppo and Hama for about a week earlier this month.

Anti-government demonstrators firebombed the offices of the government airline and the Soviet airline, Aeroflot, in Aleppo, along with some liquor stores and government-run supermarkets, sources said. Iskandar rejected reports from Western diplomatic sources here that the disturbances reflect growing popular discontent with the government of President Hafez Assad, who has been in power since 1970.

"The United States of America and Israel are the head of the snake in the plan," said Iskandar, echoing Assad's repeated verbal attacks on the two countries. "This is clear and evident whether through political analysis or through information we have obtained through our investigations of the killers."

The minister, who has been a member of the regional command of the ruling Arab

Socialist Baath Party for six weeks, said America was fomenting the trouble because of Syria's refusal to join the American-sponsored Camp David peace process.

He said the Muslim Brotherhood and other reactionary and feudal elements were helping the U.S. and Israel to stir up unrest.

"Those who launched these disturbances have taken the pretext of some negative aspects of the internal situation in order to serve their own political aims," he said. "They have tried to take advantage of the resentment of some merchants to the law, passed by the Syrian parliament, imposing severe punishment on anyone who raises prices without reason above official rates."

The minister confirmed news reports that Assad has approved use of the Syria-Israel border for Palestinian commando raids against the Jewish state.

Meanwhile, an official source said Friday that the government is relaxing restrictions on the activities of the Syrian Communist Party and three other leftist groups.

Along with President Assad's ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party, the four are grouped in the National Progressive Front formed in 1973 to broaden the base of the government.

The source said that members of the four parties would now be allowed to work in some government departments.

Apart from the Communist Party, restrictions were being lifted on the Union Socialist Party, the Arab Socialist Party and the Union of Arab Socialists, the source added.



Mustafa Khalil

Egypt urges Israel to clarify security stand

CAIRO, March 21 (R) — Egyptian Premier Mustafa Khalil has said negotiations on Palestinian autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza Strip could not be completed on May 26 as scheduled unless Israel defined its security requirements.

Khalil, speaking at a news conference Thursday, said Israeli negotiators had brought up the security question at every discussion during the 10-month-old talks, but failed to clarify their stand.

"We are urging the Israeli government to agree to form a committee that would clarify and discuss the issue of security. If the Israelis will be reluctant to accept this I don't think that we can proceed and meet the May 26 date," Khalil said.

May 26 is the date set up by the Camp David Middle East accord, signed by Egypt, Israel and the U.S. in Washington in 1978, to complete autonomy negotiations for 1.5 million Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza.

Khalil said Egypt insisted that Israel should table its concept of security and that Egypt will propose the formation of a committee on the issue during a ministerial meeting on autonomy in Alexandria next week.

He hoped that talks which President Carter has called in Washington next month, with President Sadat and Israeli Premier Menachem Begin would help surmount obstacles to the autonomy talks.

Khalil said Egypt and Israel still differed widely on such other fundamental issues such as how elections for an autonomous Palestinian council on the West Bank and Gaza Strip should be conducted and what powers it should have.

Egypt wants the Palestinian council to hold the same executive, legislative and judicial powers exercised by the Israeli military governor of the two regions.

Israel insists the council should only be granted limited responsibilities to run daily affairs.

PFLP spurns Europe moves toward PLO

BEIRUT, March 21 (R) — A Palestinian commando group has rejected West European moves toward the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) saying they were linked to U.S. plans for a Middle East settlement.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) said in an editorial in its weekly magazine *Al-Hadaf* that the Europeans, particularly France and West Germany, were cooperating closely with Washington.

The U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace accords between Israel and Egypt have been rejected by almost all Arab states and the PLO.

But a French call, backed by several European states, for Palestinian self-determination and a PLO role in a Middle East peace conference has been welcomed by the Palestinian organization.

The editorial said the Europeans were trying to impose stability in the Middle East "on the basis of...insuring the interests of imperialism in the Arab homeland and liquidating the Palestinian question through a partial solution for the (West) Bank and the Gaza Strip."

U.S. aide holds talks in Pakistan

KARACHI, March 21 (AP) — President Zia ul-Haq has said that the commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and other high ranking naval officers were in Pakistan for consultations with the government.

In an interview with the daily *Nawaat* of Lahore Wednesday, Zia said that the U.S. officials have not yet called on him, but the talks were arranged. He did not elaborate.

Zia stated that process of bringing about important changes in the country's military structure would be completed by the end of the month and new corps commanders will take up their charge soon.

He also said that he had extended his term of office for the chief of army staff.

In another development, British Ambassador to Pakistan O.G. Forster said Wednesday night his country had written off a 1.5 billion rupee (\$ 150 million) loan made to Pakistan last year.

"Now Pakistan has nothing to pay back to Britain," he said.

He said he hoped other aid-giving countries would also reschedule or write off Pakistan's debts to reduce its economic strains.

Forster said that Britain is providing 434 million rupees (\$ 43.5 million) in fresh economic assistance.

Numeiri says Sudan mediating Ethiopia-Eritrea dispute

DOHA, March 21 (R) — Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri says his country is trying to solve the 18-year-old conflict between the Ethiopian government and guerrillas in Ethiopia's eastern Eritrea province.

Numeiri, who arrived in Qatar Wednesday on the third leg of a Gulf tour, said on local television: "The recent rapprochement between Ethiopian and Sudan is aimed at solving the Ethiopian-Eritrean dispute and other problems in our region."

"We are trying to help the two sides to reach an agreement acceptable to both," he added.

Ethiopia and Sudan agreed last week to end their differences. Addis Ababa radio said Wednesday talks had begun in Asmara, capital of the Red Sea province of Eritrea, to eliminate problems in their relations.

Ethiopia has in the past accused neigh-

boring Sudan of supporting the Eritrean guerrillas.

Numeiri said Sudan could help end disputes such as that in Eritrea "since we ended a war in the south of Sudan which lasted 17 years, reaching a satisfactory solution with autonomy for the south within a united Sudan."

Numeiri also announced his support for a "national charter" governing inter-Arab relations proposed by Iraq. He said he agreed the charter should be studied at a summit of Arab leaders.

Sudan and Iraq broke off diplomatic relations a year ago after the Iraqi press criticized what it said was Sudan's support for the U.S. negotiated peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

The Qatar news agency said Numeiri telephone Iraq's President Saddam Hussein to tell him he backed the Iraqi charter, which rejects foreign military bases on Arab soil and calls for peaceful solutions to inter-Arab disputes.

U.N. official confers with Khaddam

DAMASCUS, March 21 (R) — U.N. undersecretary for special political affairs Brian Urquhart had talks here Thursday with Syria's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul-Hakim Khaddam on Middle East developments, official sources said.

After the talks Urquhart, who arrived here Wednesday visited the U.N. Disengagement

Observer Force (UNDOF) in the Golan Heights. He was accompanied by Maj.-Gen. Adnan Tayyara, head of the Syrian side on the joint observer committee.

Urquhart had visited Lebanon and had meetings with Lebanese and Palestinian officials.

Student clashes close Khartoum U

KHARTOUM, March 21 (AP) — Khartoum University has been closed indefinitely following student clashes in which one person was killed and 40 wounded, the official Sudan news agency reported Thursday.

Exams, set for early April, have been put off. Student hostels attached to the university also have been emptied and the students ordered home, the agency said.

Army officer murdered in Turkey

ANKARA, March 21 (AP) — Unidentified gunmen killed a Turkish army lieutenant in the south eastern city of Diyarbakir, officials reported Thursday.

They said Lt. Omer Koc, attached to the martial law headquarters in Diyarbakir, was

The clashes involved right-wing Muslim Brothers and left-wing and Communist factions over student elections.

The Muslim Brothers won all 40 seats in the student union last year.

This year, however, they won only 12, with the leftists capturing the other 28. The clashes began several days ago when the Muslim Brothers were denied any seats on the union executive committee.

cut down when he emerged from a local movie theater Wednesday evening. Leftist terrorists have stepped up their activities in recent months and scores of police and martial law troops have been slain.

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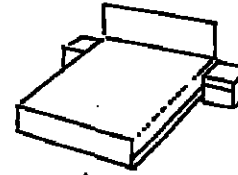
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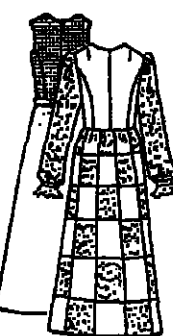
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Tribal law, a rule of the road in Jordan

By Norah Barger

AMMAN — The idea that an automobile deadly machine perhaps occurred later to sterner than it did to the Arabs. Since the introduction of cars into Jordan, traffic has been settled by tribal law. Traditionally, unless a truce is made, tribal revenge can be taken for murder or injury inflicted by an instrument. Automobiles were immediately recognized here as falling under category.

Tribal courts were abolished in Jordan four years ago. Tribal law today has a status that lawyers term "legal but not the law." While the more sophisticated here were used to be rid of having to adhere to tribal law, even they will take recourse to it to settle arguments after a death in a car accident.

Furthermore, the requirements of tribal law are heeded by the police, settlements are reached by insurance companies and judges or sentence if a tribal peace has been made. People involved in these professions say they would advise anyone responsible for a death in a car accident to seek a tribal truce immediately from the family of the deceased.

A principle reason they give for adherence to tribal law in such cases is that tradition still deeply rooted here. While one party may easily spurn tribal law the other may not, sending the possibility, which law enforcement officers abhor, of international order or property damage.

A reason the sophisticated give for observing tribal law is its speed. A final truce and an agreement for a settlement is usually accomplished within three months. In contrast, years and insurance agents say, a civil suit might take three or four years to settle. The swiftness of justice is attributed to Jordan's chronic lack of judges.

When an automobile accident comes to court, judges determine only whether the responsible party has violated traffic laws, therefore the common right. The personal right of the injured person or the family to demand a separate civil suit or sue under tribal law. According to a Minister of Justice, the use of tribal law in traffic accidents is "purely a voluntary undertaking."

Nonetheless, police at the scene of an accident usually begin immediate arrangements for a tribal truce called an 'atwa, from the Arabic word for the family of the dead. They contact the family of the responsible party and help them put either a jaha, a delegation of notables that usually includes a governor or other high official. It never includes any member of the two families involved in the accident.

The jaha visits the family of the deceased to offer an 'atwa on behalf of the family of the

guilty person. Through the jaha's request for a truce, this latter family expresses its guilt and sorrow for the accident as well as its readiness to seek forgiveness and make reparations for it. By accepting an 'atwa, the family of the deceased agrees not to take revenge on the other family through murder or property damage, such as burning the car concerned.

This 'atwa often is made within hours after the accident, and almost always before the deceased is buried. It lasts three-and-a-third days in accordance with the traditional tribal division of one third of a power of ten. It is called 'atwa imhal, the truce of respite. In days past, the tribe of the responsible party used this time to clear out of their village to

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prevent any incidents after the truce. It is also called 'atwa fort ad dam, or the truce made when the blood of the family of the deceased boils with anger and desire for revenge.

If an 'atwa is not made, the family of the deceased traditionally has the right to kill the responsible party, or any other one person from his tribe he is a minister or a mendicant. Sometimes, the family of the responsible party may refuse to make an 'atwa out of an unwillingness to admit guilt or to pay reparations. Or the family of the deceased may refuse a truce out of pride. In such cases, high government officials will intervene and press for a truce in order to uphold civil order and to prevent an outbreak of intertribal warfare.

After the three-and-a-third days are over, the 'atwa is generally renewed for a period of up to several months. Until the 'atwa is extended, the responsible person, regardless of his guilt, is usually held in jail for his own protection.

During this second period, the jaha negotiates arrangements for a final truce of peace, or 'atwa sulh. The family of the deceased may attach conditions to the extension of the 'atwa. It may insist that the jaha ensure that the responsible party will not be released from prison on bail. They may ask that his family leave town, or demand that the family provides them with food — rice, meat or sugar sufficient for 100 or even 1,000 persons — during the 'atwa period.

Once the jaha has completed the final negotiations it goes to the house of the deceased with the person responsible for the accident. Should it be a woman, her closest male relative goes in her stead as women are excluded from the entire 'atwa process.

The guilty person enters the house on his knees with an 'iqal, the Arab headband, around his neck. Approaching the closest relation of the deceased, he says, "I am your camel, load me."

The relation responds, "I load you with (for example) 1,000 dinars", adding, "but for the sake of the Prophet, I relieve you" of a certain amount. The guilty party is relieved of certain other amounts for the sake of others including certain sheikhs, the crown prince and, finally, the king. In this ritualistic way, the family gives up all its rights to revenge and further reparations. The two families, finally at peace, sign a contract that an 'atwa sulh has been made between them.

The final reparations amount is traditionally JD 333 (\$1,000) but sometimes it is higher if the deceased left many dependents or was an important family member, such as a doctor. Sometimes the person is relieved of the entire amount. In the past, each male member of the tribe contributed an equal amount to pay for the 'atwa sulh. Today, however, it is the insurance company which covers it. The settlement fee and other expenses, such as food, incurred during 'atwa negotiations, are usually paid immediately.

By law in Jordan, drivers must carry insurance at least against injury or death to a third party. The maximum amount of coverage — which includes multiple deaths that might occur in a single accident — is JD 5,000 (\$15,000). Because 'atwa reparations are low, insurance companies rarely need to pay out the full amount. If one wishes to recover a higher amount he can initiate what will be a prolonged and complicated civil suit. An agent for the oldest and largest insurance company here says that about 15 per cent of their clients choose to take this course. The companies, he said, heavily favor tribal settlements because they are quick and cheap.

In case of injury, an 'atwa is also often taken but on a smaller scale. The insurance company then pays either the tribal settlement or the hospital bills (up to JD 5,000) of the injured person.

The law treats payments made through 'atwa as an out-of-court settlement. However, if a tribal peace and reparations have already been made when the case comes to court, judges are more lenient in imposing fines and sentences on the guilty party.

The maximum sentence here for a death caused unintentionally in a traffic accident is six months, provided no flagrant traffic violations have occurred. The sentence is usually reduced to three months imprisonment, the maximum sentence that can be substituted by

paying a fine in Jordan. Because of this special legal treatment a tribal peace confers on the guilty party, lawyers urge their clients to take 'atwa.

At least one Ministry of Interior official who deals daily with tribal disputes, considers any adherence to tribal law a potential source of civil disorder, a headache he wishes would just go away. He is hopeful that as the "population becomes more sophisticated, the custom of 'atwa will become less prevalent."

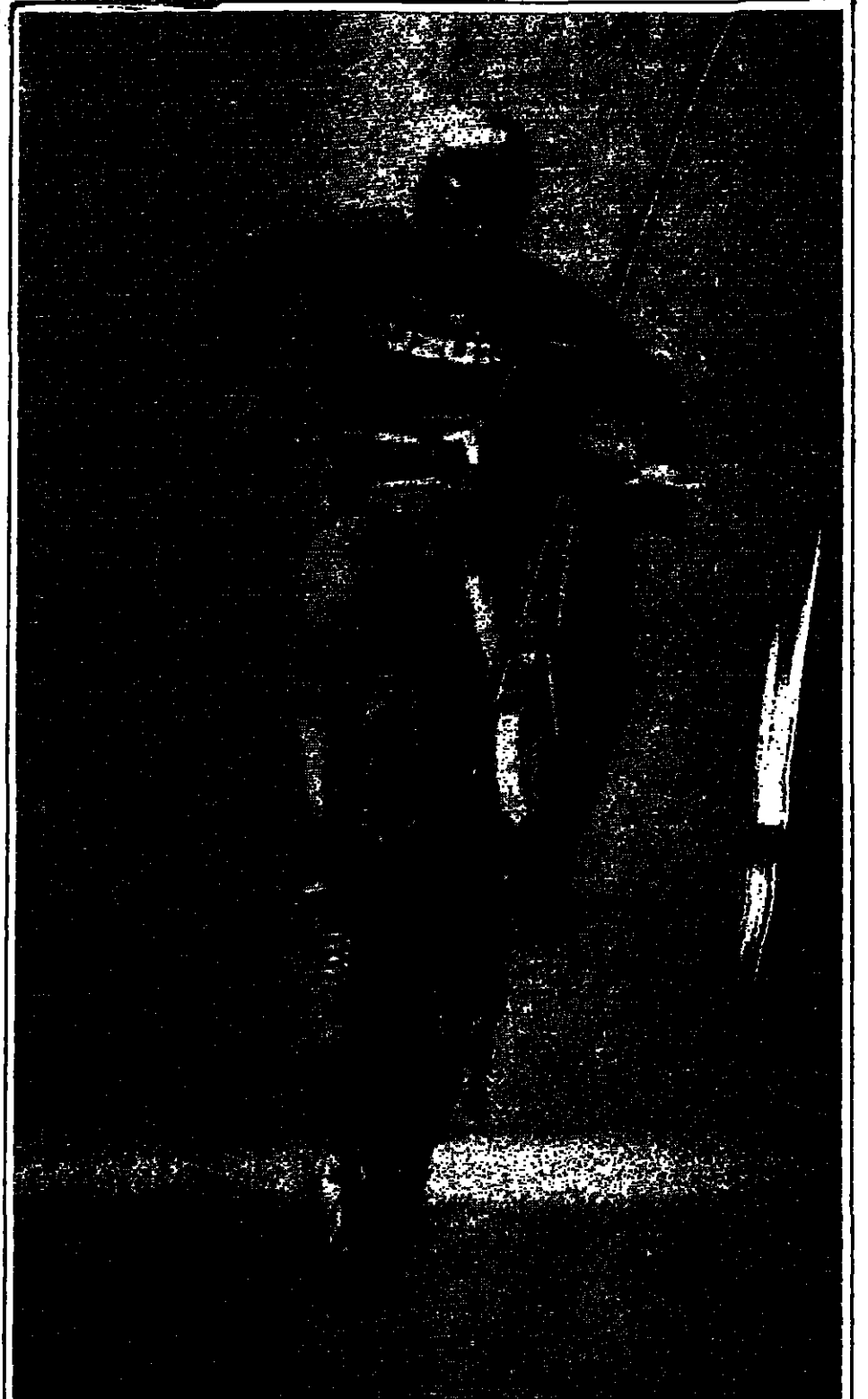
Insurance agents and lawyers, who deal personally with the parties involved in car accidents, however, see salutary psychological

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cal benefits in tribal settlements. They point out that the bereaved family is given a safe and legitimate way in which to vent anger over the loss of a family member. Furthermore, the responsible party who has killed someone without malice does not need to carry his natural, though logically unwarranted, guilt for the deed by himself because the burden of guilt is shared with all his family. They also pointed out that this guilt is expiated through ritual.

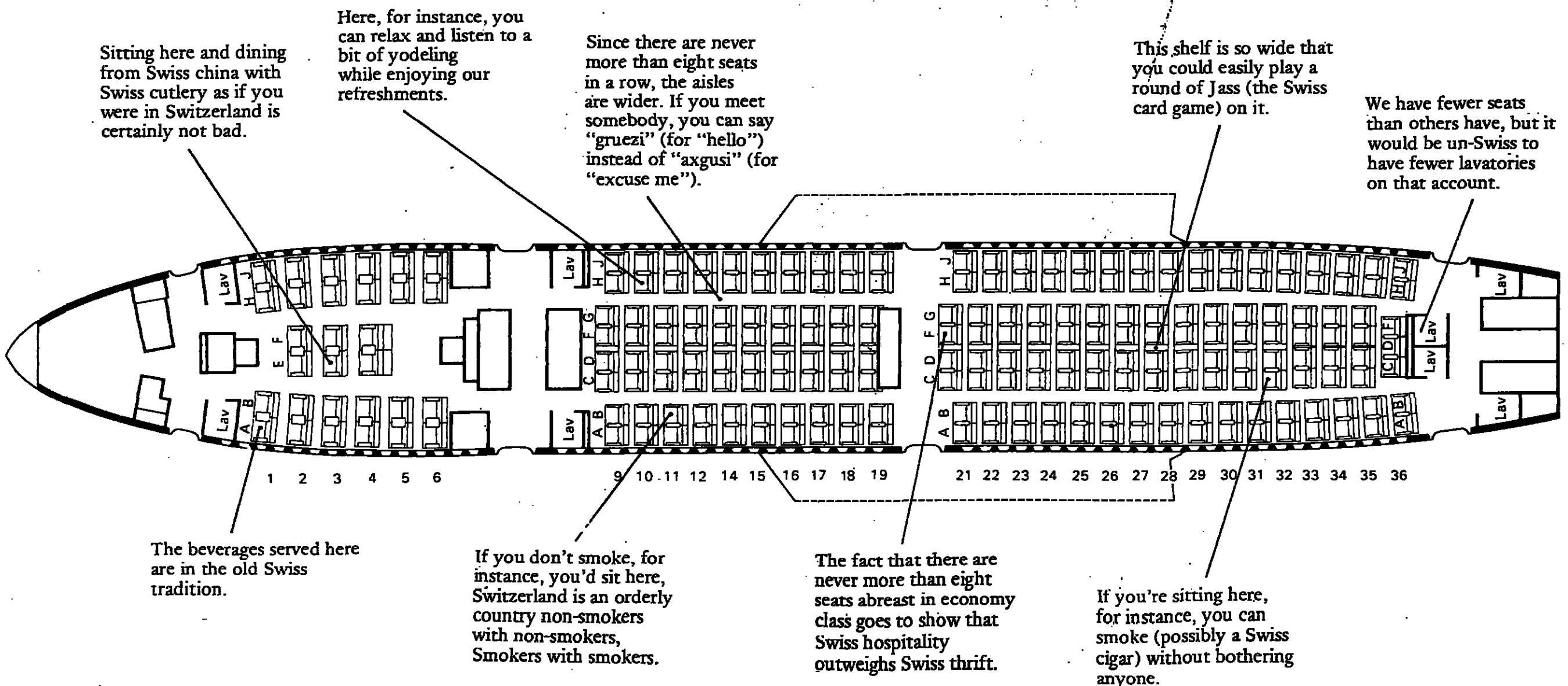
As one lawyer said, "'atwa results in a satisfaction of a psychological sort for all parties concerned." He expressed fear that this benefit of tribal law would be lost if the impersonal court proceedings and insurance negotiations of the West took over in Jordan.

An insurance agent added: "I think 'atwa is a good idea; it suits our temperaments."



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The American car sputters toward a future

By Robert G. Kaiser
The Washington Post

DETROIT — Americans who think of the \$2,000 automobile as only yesterday are not going to like the 1980s. By the end of the '80s, a \$2,000 automobile will seem as antiquated as the nickel soft drink, and a new Chevette will probably cost about \$15,000. Of course, it will be smaller than the 1980 Chevette, the smallest car now made in America. Smaller, lighter and probably slower, too. Here in Detroit the experts reckon that half or more of the new cars sold in America in 1990 will be tiny (if expensive) models. And of course, they may be Datsuns, not Chevettas.

The biggest and most American industry in this country is about to be transformed, perhaps revolutionized, and it is not in good shape as this transformation begins.

The automobile, which defined modern American life, is about to be redefined itself, and the country will be changed in the process. The American companies that engineered the original automobilization of the nation are hoping and planning to be almost as important to the new era for which they are now planning, but this is still problematical.

Even General Motors, a behemoth among corporations, is losing money selling cars in the United States. (It is making a profit on other activities.) Ford Motor Co. lost about a billion dollars on its 1979 car operations in North America, and expects to lose another billion in 1980.

Chrysler Corp. teeters on the brink of bankruptcy, propped up now by the promise of federal loan guarantees, but trapped in a week market that could spell its doom. Only American Motors, newly associated with Renault of France, is both healthy and profitable.

The steadily rising sales curve for foreign-made cars in the United States is

years, I cannot see a better way to move the next 10 or 20 years, I cannot see a better way to move people or stuff around."

Secrest acknowledged that the market has shifted faster toward fuel-efficient small cars than expected, and Ford won't be able to meet the new demand at once. "So we'll have a helluva time (in the next couple of years), but in the longer run we'll be all right."

The world car will be like a kernel of corn that will grow in every kind of soil.

The future is bright, auto executives argue, not the least because Americans will have to replace the 100 million cars they bought in the 1970s, when assumptions were different. In effect, the changed oil situation has given the industry a huge new market — a replacement market for its own past mistakes. Of course, they didn't look like mistakes at the time. "It's just rubbish to say that the industry forced gas guzzlers on an unwitting country," one executive said.

Of course the optimists are assuming that American manufacturers will be able to hold a dominant share of the sales the '80s will bring. They make this assumption in part

than the law required (19), and the industry will soon be able to give its customers the economy they want.

The optimists make these points: General Motors' Chevette and successful new "X-Cars" (the front-wheel drive Chevrolet Citation, Oldsmobile Omega and similar models) demonstrate that the industry giant is well-placed for the '80s. Using its enormous financial resources, GM has already shrunk all its cars, moved strongly into front-wheel drive and diesel-powered cars and is experimenting on the most advanced fringe of auto technology.

After years of watching Ford make the biggest profits overseas, GM is poised to begin a worldwide offensive in foreign markets. Using its successful operations and other overseas branches as a springboard, GM is ready to shed its insular, America-first reputation.

Ford, after lagging behind GM in converting to smaller cars — apparently by deliberate choice, on the theory that more money could be made by keeping big models in production — is now ready to compete with the imports. Next year, Ford will introduce the small Erika, drawing heavily on the expertise of German engineers who have made Ford's German subsidiary hugely successful and profitable.

American Motors will be able to prosper by concentrating on the small cars that it will soon start producing with Renault and on the specialty vehicles that have served it well in recent years, particularly Jeeps. Renault is big and rich enough to keep AMC current with "the state of the art" in engine technology as it continues to develop in the coming decade.

Competition from Japan will diminish once the Japanese begin to make cars in this country.

In Detroit it is widely assumed that the principal reason for Japanese success has been substantially cheaper Japanese labor

side Pittsburgh.

Japan eventually will see that it faces import restrictions in the United States if it fails to build cars here — or so the people of Detroit believe. And when the Japanese are producing with American labor, they won't be able to maintain any competition advantage in their pricing.

Later in the '80s, something called the "world car" should come into being, to the advantage of GM and Ford. Arvid Jouppe, a financial analyst here who specializes in the car industry, predicts flatly that during the '80s there will be a standardized vehicle whose major components are made in a variety of countries. The world car "will be like a kernel of corn that will grow in every kind of soil," Jouppe predicts.

The optimistic analysis rarely includes Chrysler Corp., unless one is talking to a Chrysler executive. Many in Detroit fear Chrysler is doomed, though it is unpatriotic for any Detroitite to say so out loud. Others think it will survive only by lowering its horizons and adopting a marketing strategy closer to AMC's than Ford's or GM's, which means producing less than a full range of vehicles and looking for market segments where it can compete with the giants.

The optimists may well be right. The resources of the big companies here are formidable. As executives of American companies have repeatedly pointed out, all four have extensive experience making the small cars that all foresee as increasingly important — though for some of the companies, this experience has been more in foreign subsidiaries than in America.

But there are competing views on all of these subjects: a bad news view of Detroit's future.

Perhaps the most articulate skeptic is Prof. William Abernathy of the Harvard Business School, one of the country's few academic experts on the car industry, who has published a book on the history of innovation at Ford.

In Abernathy's view, the '80s will be difficult for Ford and Chrysler, and he believes that the whole industry is poorly prepared for an era in which auto technology could change very rapidly.

The instinct of the auto industry, Abernathy said, is to seek "economies of scale" — the mass production techniques that allow the companies to save production costs.

The historic effect of economies of scale has been to discourage innovation, Abernathy believes, because new technologies require new production techniques, and thus disrupt economies of scale. Alfred Sloan, the founder of General Motors, understood this perfectly. So he made it part of the original GM philosophy not to seek innovations, but rather to perfect existing technologies.

Abernathy, and others, predict that the industry is on the eve of radical changes that could leave behind companies so wedded to their economies of scale that they cannot adapt. He predicts that in the future there won't be a single "best" auto technology, but many "best technologies."

"It will be impossible for the small number of existing firms to stay on top of a large number of technologies," he said. "We're going to have to have more firms to cover more options. Economies of scale can no longer work as a strategy."

Of the existing companies in the world, Abernathy thinks only GM and Volkswagen, which is now a mini-GM after its acquisition of Porsche and Audi, are well-placed to cope with this kind of rapid change.

Specifically, Abernathy questions the viability of the "world car" notion. He thinks the American and European markets are too different for it to work. For example, the leading American manufacturer of disc brakes makes one type: a leading European manufacturer makes more than two dozen.

Abernathy predicts that new firms could come into the industry — the way Honda of Japan has in recent years — exploiting new technology to take business away from the old firms. This, he notes, is what Henry Ford, Sloan and other pioneers did to traditional makers of transportation equipment in the early 20th century.

Another skeptic about the auto industry is David E. Davis Jr., editor of Car Driver, an influential if irreverent magazine with a monthly circulation of 725,000. Car and Driver has been arguing for years that American companies have failed to satisfy the desires of growing numbers of American car buyers for machines that are fun to drive, not just reliable and comfortable.

"The people who run the auto companies now graduated from high school in maybe the late 1940s," Davis said in an interview. "Their dream was a Buick convertible — that

was the ultimate car." The fact that several new generations with different dreams have grown up since then has not sunk in, Davis contended.

"It's very hard for these guys to adjust," he said. "They say to themselves, 'People I know, who were in the Young Republicans with me, are actually buying Toyotas!' They can't believe it. They know the Japanese have got it wrong — that their cars are too small, make too much noise, ride too hard."

So GM's most radical new small cars, the X-Cars, ride like Buicks. Car and Driver has given the X-Cars rave reviews, but Davis notes that they're still Detroit products of the old school. After driving one of them, "you'll never feel like you just met the greatest girl in the world," Davis said.

Moreover, though X-Cars are selling well, GM's market research shows that most buyers of the new models picked them over another American car. In other words, these unusually economical and well-designed American cars still are not seriously challenging the foreign imports.

Skeptics have other questions about the optimists' arguments. For example, if GM is about to mount an offensive overseas, as it is, what will that do to Ford's foreign earnings, which now keep Ford afloat?

And if price is the key to the success of Japanese cars, why are they still outselling American models now that their prices are often higher? The same can be asked of the relatively expensive but hot-selling Volkswagen Rabbit, which is now made in America.

In fact, the optimists and the skeptics are making predictions that neither can yet count on with confidence. The future is extraordinarily cloudy.

The behavior of the market is also unpredictable. Executives at AMC note that barely

a year ago they were seriously considering junking tens of thousands of Volkswagens engines they had bought and felt then they could not use. At the same moment, early in 1979, Ford was happily selling out its entire year's production of its Mark V Lincoln Continental, its biggest gas guzzler. Then the spring gas lines appeared.

The future also depends on unforeseeable technological developments — or a lack of them. Some in Detroit feel the car as we have known it is on the verge of extinction; others say they can't yet foresee a substitute.

So prophets must retreat to the short term and that can be seen with some clarity. It will be filled with smaller, more expensive cars.

At least the American industry will be able to make small cars. Arguably the government regulation the industry decries made this possible; without it, GM, Ford and Chrysler were unlikely to move as fast as they did to shrink their automobiles.

Now they must expand their profits. Traditionally the American companies made their money on big cars, spare parts and accessories. "No one (in Detroit) has figured out how to make a high profit on a small car," according to analyst Jouppe. Now that must change.

The industry's solution is easy to imagine — it is already under way. While the cost of all cars has risen steadily, small car prices have gone up the fastest. The price of the new Chevy Citation, one of the X-Cars, has gone up nearly 15 per cent since the model was introduced last April. A fully-equipped Citation can cost nearly \$7,000.

And the Chevette's sticker price has risen almost 20 per cent since the fall of 1978, substantially more than the rate of inflation. With price rises like this and continued inflation, the \$15,000 Chevette will be a reality before the end of the decade.



From this 1926 Model T to a \$15,000 Chevette?

perhaps the most vivid symbol of the difficulties America's carmakers now face. One-fourth of the cars sold in America today are made overseas. In California, the figure is one in two. Every time these numbers have jumped another notch, Detroit has declared that the trend to foreign cars has about ended. Every time the numbers have jumped again.

Despite the problems of unprofitability and foreign competition, though, people who work in the auto industry here exude optimism about the '80s. Fred G. Secrest, for example, a vice president of Ford, put it like this: "I do not see on the horizon a replacement for the product. Over the next 10 or 20

because 60 per cent of American car buyers stick to the same make of American car.

Discussions with a variety of industry executives and outside analysts indicate there are two equally plausible, if mutually contradictory, ways to look at the future of the American car business — a good news view, and a bad news view.

According to the good news view, the worst has passed, or nearly. "This industry has been through hell," in the words of Thomas H. Hanna, executive vice president of the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Association. But last year, he and others noted, the American cars sold in this country actually got better gas mileage (on average, 19.6

costs and a deliberate policy of pricing Japanese cars sold here at low levels. According to a common analysis, the Japanese make their real profits at home, and use the American market to keep their large permanent workforces employed and achieve economies of mass production.

American auto executives and officials of the United Auto Workers believe it is inevitable that the big Japanese carmakers will begin production in the United States. Honda already has announced plans to do so recently, Douglas Fraser, President of the UAW, visited Toyota officials in Japan to press the case for American plants comparable to the one Volkswagen has opened out-



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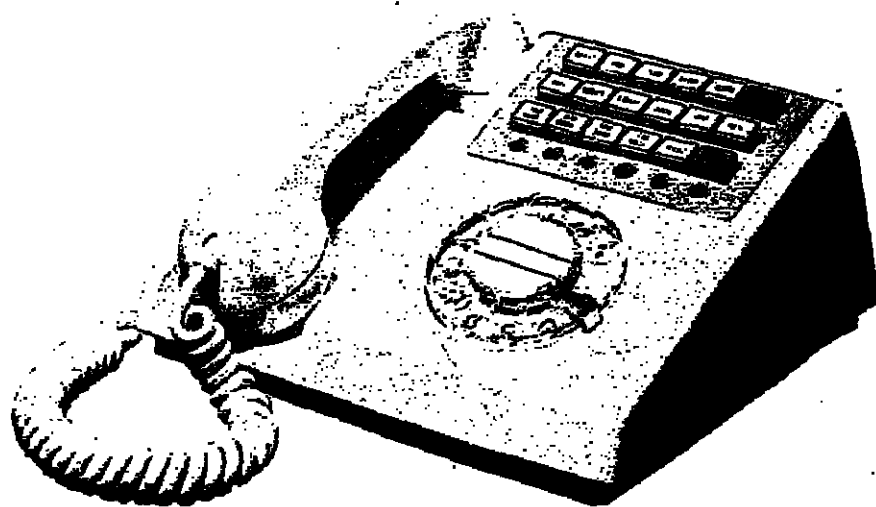
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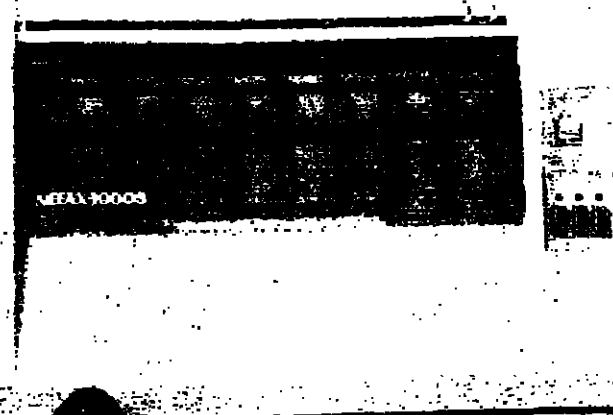
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In effort for home-rule

Spanish Catalans control elections

BARCELONA, Spain, March 21 (AP) — Catalan Nationalists led by industrialist-banker Jordi Pujol swept to victory in Friday's home-rule elections, but fell short of the majority needed to govern alone.

With final results in from three provinces and the count in the remaining province of Barcelona 42 per cent complete, Pujol's "Convergence and Unity Party" had won 17 seats and was leading in contests for 39 others. This would give him 46 seats in the 135-member Catalan parliament, 22 short of

a majority.

Spain's socialists, given a slight lead in pre-election polls, were winning 32 seats, followed by the communists with 24 and Premier Adolfo Suarez' Centrists with 19, the interior ministry reported.

The Catalan Republican Left Party won 14 seats.

The elections were the second in Spain to name autonomous governments since the 1935-39 Spanish Civil War. Catalans elected their last parliament in 1932.

Violence raises Salvador deaths to 14

Conditions called ripe for leftist takeover

SAN SALVADOR, March 21 (R) — At least 13 people were killed in clashes between leftist militants and security forces in El Salvador Thursday, a military spokesman said.

He said nine leftists were killed when some 50 well-armed members of the self-styled "Popular Revolutionary Bloc" attacked an army patrol at Teolucua in San Vicente, 75 kms southeast of the capital. Several soldiers were wounded.

In another clash at nearby Coyolito troops repulsed an attack by about 60 guerrillas of the "Popular Liberation forces," killing one

of them.

Fighting broke out near the village of Perical, in San Vicente, but no casualties on either side were reported.

Since the ruling civilian-military junta introduced agrarian and banking reforms early this month, violence has increased and at least 140 people have been killed in this Central American republic.

Leftist and rightist extremists oppose the reforms, the former claiming they are not enough and the latter fearing a challenge to their position in the country's economic life.

Basques voted 12 days ago to install with a clear majority a Nationalist local government led by Businessman Carlos Garaicoechea.

Both regions fought against Gen. Francisco Franco during the civil war.

Despite good weather, 37 percent of the 4.3 million Catalans eligible to vote stayed away from the polls.

Pujol had said before the voting he would exclude the communists from any government he formed.

Meanwhile on the highway just outside San Salvador the two laborers were found dead with bullet wounds in their heads.

A military spokesman said that in the eastern El Salvador town of Morazan the wife of a soldier was killed by guerrillas who broke into her home.

In Mexico City last night leaders of the revolutionary coordinator of the masses, the umbrella organization for Salvadoran leftists, said conditions were ripe for a takeover and again outlined their government platform.



TRENCH: A large earth mover digs an anti-tank trench just inside the Thai border north of Aranyaprathet. The trench will stretch over 80 kilometers, is about 20 feet deep and 20 feet wide.

For same benefits with reduced costs

Cancer Society modifies checkup guidelines

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — The American Cancer Society, modifying its recommendations for cancer detection checkups, says annual chest X-rays, pap tests and breast examinations no longer appear necessary for most people.

In announcing the changes, the Society said it has determined the public can get the same benefits with greatly reduced costs and health risks by using the revised recommendations.

However, the Society cautioned that the guidelines do not fit all individuals and urged people to consult their doctors about how the new suggestions relate to them.

Many doctors and patients have long used the private group's guidelines in scheduling checkups for the early detection of cancer. No other group, including the federal government, issues such guidelines.

Announcing the revised recommendations in New York and at a news briefing here, Society officials stressed that the guidelines apply only to people with no cancer symptoms. Those with symptoms should see their doctors immediately, the officials said.

"These changes are based on updated information on the effectiveness, costs and risks of tests used for early detection of cancer," Dr. Lasalle D. Leffall, the immediate past president of the society, said at the briefing in Washington.

"About three years ago, the society was asked to update its recommendations because they didn't seem to be current based on the latest clinical and epidemiological data," said Leffall, chairman of surgery at Howard University Medical School.

The society revised its recommendations for tests for cancer of the lung, cervix, colon,

rectum and breast after a study by Dr. David Eddy of Stanford University, which reviewed data on cost and effectiveness.

As a result, the society dropped its recommendations that people with a higher-than-normal risk of lung cancer get annual chest X-rays. These are people over age 40 who are heavy cigarette smokers or who work with known inhaled carcinogens, such as asbestos.

X-rays and sputum cytology tests, which look at mucus from the lungs, do detect lung cancer early. But studies indicate this early notice does not reduce mortality because present treatment isn't very effective, the society said.

In other revisions, the society recommends — That women aged 20 to 65, and those under 20 who are sexually active, have a pap smear test every three years if they have two negative tests a year apart.

French philosopher Sartre hospitalized

PARIS, March 21 (AP) — French philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre, 74, was hospitalized Wednesday night with a pulmonary edema, a spokesman for his publishers, Editions Gallimard, said Thursday.

She said that as of mid-Thursday, she had been told his condition had not changed, but she had not been informed how serious it was.

The French News Agency said Thursday afternoon he was in intensive care at the

Broussais Hospital. It said the hospital would not be issuing medical bulletins, at the request of Sartre's family. The writer Simone de Beauvoir has been the life-long companion of Sartre.

Angolan president receives Cuban medal

HAVANA, March 21 (R) — Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos left Thursday night after a four-day official visit during which Cuban President Fidel Castro said relations between the two pro-Soviet states were better than ever.

boarded schools where thousands of African children are being educated.

Official sources said the talks covered relations between the two countries, world affairs and the situation in the non-aligned movement, of which Cuba is currently chairman.

President Castro decorated the Angolan leader with a medal for "internationalist solidarity in the struggle against imperialism and neo-colonialism."

Thousands of Cuban troops and technicians are based in Angola.

It was the first visit to Cuba by Dos Santos since he succeeded President Neto, who died last September.

China today: preserving the old while moving ahead

PEKING, March 21 (Agencies) — China's Communist Party Central Committee has posthumously rehabilitated another of Chairman Mao Tse Tung's old adversaries, Li Lisan, who was reported to have hanged himself during the cultural revolution.

The New China News Agency said his reputation was restored at a memorial meeting attended by senior Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping.

Li Lisan, while senior to Mao in the Communist hierarchy in 1930, ordered a number of abortive mass uprisings in Chinese cities against the nationalists which proved disastrous for the Communists.

This policy, which ran counter to Mao's theory of peasant revolution, was later denounced as "the erroneous Li Lisan Line."

But the official news agency, reporting his rehabilitation, said, "it was not long before he became aware of his mistake and corrected it."

Vice-Premier Wang Zhen, who also attended the memorial meeting, was quoted as saying, "Comrade Li Lisan was a fine member of our party, a proletarian revolutionary and one of the outstanding leaders of the workers' movement in China."

CHINESE DIVORCE

China has allowed the Western world a glimpse into its legal system, permitting reporters into a Chinese court that

granted a divorce to a 30-year-old woman who said her husband beat her.

The divorce was given to bank cashier Zhou Huixie after a Feb. 8 hearing in which she wept and pleaded with the judge to end almost four years of marriage.

The trial was believed the first opened to the Western press and was widely publicized as an example of marital law proceedings in China.

At the end of the 2½-hour proceeding, the court adjourned without a finding and urged a reconciliation.

The decision was announced Friday by the information department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which deals with journalists.

"The husband agreed to the wife's divorce appeal," a ministry spokesman said. "The court was not able to reconcile the marriage and granted the divorce."

The Peking People's Intermediate Court conducted the hearing on the wife's appeal which already had been turned down by a lower court.

She said her husband, truck driver Han Fali, 35, beat her, sometimes during arguments over his support of her mother, and she suffered two miscarriages as a result. She also accused him of gambling.

The husband at first denied, then acknowledged, the beating but said they were minor. The judge accused him of chauvinistic thinking.

In China divorce still is regarded as

shameful. National statistics are not available but Peking's Chongwen district reported 9,263 weddings and 174 divorces for 1979.

A court officer said the main causes of divorce are loss of affection, maltreatment, adultery, constant quarrels and sometimes political and financial problems.

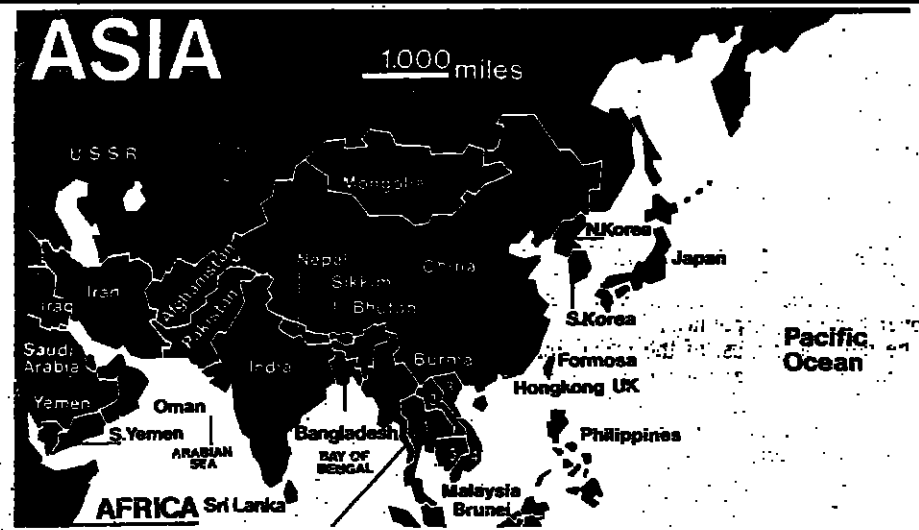
Traditional Chinese medicines — a secret combination of ingredients handed down for generations in doctors' families — have proven effective in treating several bone diseases.

Doctors at the Chungking Surgical hospital, located in China's Sichuan province, have used a combination of Western medical techniques and the secret Chinese medicines to treat bone diseases and osteomyelitis.

Xinhua said the secret prescription was presented to the hospital's doctors by a doctor of traditional medicine, Tai Kuan-guacuo during the past 10 years the medicine has had "an effective treatment rate" of 97 per cent for tuberculosis of the bone, and has been 90 per cent effective against infections such as osteomyelitis.

"TALK ABOUT TOWN" Aspiring Chinese actresses are warned against unscrupulous young men who impersonate a director's son and offer them stardom.

Waiters and waitresses are told sharply to stop their rocking and rolling and mash more minced meat dumpling while on



company time.

Items like these are published every day in "Talk about Town," a lively gossip corner and consumer action line in the Peking Evening News.

Edited by 24-year-old Sung Xi, a former bean curd cook, the page one column may go to bat for a reader who was duped into buying soy sauce instead of wine for spring festival.

The column may inveigh against bureaucratic failings, or against the discourtesy of the owners of a barking dog. It even warns readers to beware of greedy vendors who sell the Spring Festival for 5 to 8 yuan instead of the legal 2 yuan (1.5 cents U.S.).

"Talk about Town" is one of the best

read features in the newspaper which resumed publication Feb. 15, the Peking Evening News was suspended in 1966 at the start of the cultural revolution and was denounced for publishing articles which criticized the party.

The newspaper is published by the more staid Morning Peking Daily with a circulation of 750,000. The new entry in the evening field already has a circulation of 500,000.

In a capital town which abounds in weighty and windy journalistic talk, "Talk about Town" is spicy, breezy, brief and witty.

"This is a newspaper for leisure reading," said editor-in-chief Gu Hsin. "We try to supply what the others lack, some-

thing light."

Peking Evening News emphasizes sports, recreation and literature. It runs the serialized life of the empress dowager. Mostly, it writes about people.

"Talk about Town" contains four or five articles every day, ranging from the calamitous to the hilarious.

"The criterion," said editor Sung, "is whether it is interesting and will help people in their daily life."

Sung says a major purpose is to criticize the bureaucracy. It is still unwieldy, he says, because of the influence of the ultra-radical "gang of four."

Every day he receives — and reads — about 200 letters from readers. Big problems are referred to the authorities, but as for every day complaints, he verifies them all.

Wrongs have been righted, he says, wrongdoers have seen the light some examples:

— A factory complained that a power company refused to connect its electricity unless the factory first sent a Sedan to pick up the work crew, the head of the power company apologized, criticized the workers and hooked up the power.

— A reader complained he bought a thermos that did not keep tea warm, the manufacturer investigated and the buyer got his money back.

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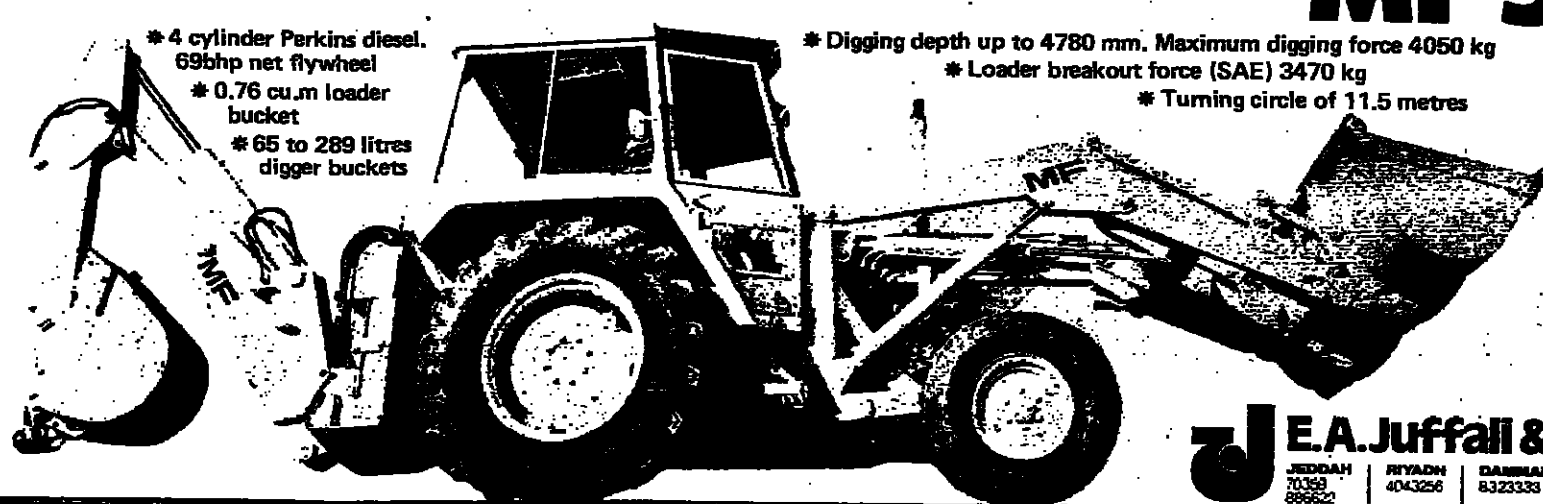
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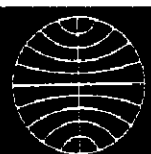
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Russians reject germ accusation

MOSCOW, March 21 (R) — Moscow has rejected U.S. suggestions, based on reports of possible germ warfare accident in Sverdlovsk that it violated a treaty banning biological weapons.

A foreign ministry statement telephoned Western correspondents Thursday night denied what it called U.S. government attempts to cast doubt on Moscow's good faith towards the 1972 accord.

But there was no comment in the statement reports from Washington that the Russians had explained the reported deaths in Sverdlovsk last April of hundreds of people as a national outbreak of anthrax. According to the State Department, the Soviet foreign ministry said the deadly disease spread through bad handling of food.

Anthrax, which is borne by both live animals and carcasses, is thought rare in the

Soviet Union. According to Soviet sources, there is a meat processing plant in the Urals city, which is closed to foreigners.

It was understood that U.S. Ambassador Thomas Watson received the informal Soviet explanation Thursday, although the U.S. embassy would not comment.

It was in response to an enquiry lodged on Saturday.

Washington officials, said earlier that hundreds of civilians might have died in the outbreak. But it was not clear if the Soviet explanation had referred to any casualties.

The official foreign ministry statement said the Soviet Union strictly observed the five-year treaty, which was signed in 1972 but did not go into force until 1975.

It bans germ warfare research, as well as the production and storing of biological weapons.

Say U.S. political experts

White House race sewn up

NEW YORK, March 21 (R) — Although the quarters of the battle still lie ahead, the 1980 fight for the Republican and Democratic presidential nominations seems to be over save the shouting.

Barry Goldwater, a blunder of major proportions in a political miracle, pundits and the American public seem agreed that President Jimmy Carter will be the Democratic nominee and that Reagan the Republican party's White House contender.

Their victories in last Tuesday's Illinois may have appeared to leave no hope for their opponents — Democrat Edward Kennedy and Republicans John Anderson and George Bush — even though 85 per cent of state electoral primaries have still to be held.

The next battlegrounds are the New York and Connecticut primaries on Tuesday and results are expected to mirror those of the first.

Carter already has, according to unofficial polls, 615 delegates to 192 for Kennedy. He needs 1,666 delegate votes to secure the Democratic nomination at the party's August national convention.

When the results are counted in New York state, where 282 Democratic delegates are to be elected, Carter may be over the half way mark after only 10 of his party's 34 primaries.

On the Republican side, Reagan, the former film actor and ex-governor of California, has 206 of the 998 delegates he needs to score his party's nomination.

His nearest rival, former Central Intelligence Agency Director George Bush, has 47 delegates.

Writing in the Washington Post, political writer Lou Cannon said: "When the history of the 1980 presidential election is written it will likely be said that both President Carter and Ronald Reagan clinched the nominations of their parties in Illinois."

That large mid-western state which races every ethnic group and minority as well as every shade of opinion in American politics trounced Kennedy by 65 to 30 per cent while Reagan beat Anderson by 48 to 37 per cent.

In the all-important quest for delegates Carter won 165 to 14 for Kennedy, who had the backing of the powerful Chicago Democratic machine and saw it go down to rare defeat with him. Reagan secured 40 Illinois delegates to 29 for Anderson, fighting in his home state, and two for Bush.

The one man who could possibly have mounted a challenge strong enough to stop Reagan from winning the Republican nomination, former President Gerald Ford, last week refused to enter the race.

With Ford out, it appears that Reagan will win the nomination even though all the polls have consistently shown that Carter, even at the lowest ebb of his popularity, could easily beat him for the presidency.

Ever since the defeat of Republican Barry Goldwater in the 1964 presidential race, Reagan has commanded his party's right wing.

In the nine Republican primaries held so far, that wing has dominated, and Reagan has stayed ahead easily.

He prevails despite protest at joke he told disparaging Poles and Italians, and despite declaring that the Shah of Iran had a progressive regime.

He dismissed his campaign manager, overspent in early contests, but still manages to go from strength to strength.

Anderson, a relative liberal, at one point had a chance to beat Reagan in Illinois because the Republican primary there allowed Democrats and independents to cross over and vote Republican.

But he failed and most of the remaining Republican primaries are for Republicans only.

There has been talk of Anderson's staging a third party fight against both Reagan and Carter in the November presidential election — a move certain to hurt Carter as it would draw away from him liberal and moderate votes.

The white-haired Illinois congressman says, however, that he will not run on a third party ticket.

Peace activists fighting U.S. draft

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — Some 100 names from the 1960's U.S. anti-war movement, joined by a new generation of peace activists, are gearing up for another national rally — this one aimed at blocking all of draft registration.

Organizers said Thursday they hope to have at least 15,000 persons march Saturday near the White House to the capitol.

Hundreds of persons are planning to lobby congressmen individually Monday.

The object of all the attention is U.S. President Jimmy Carter's call last month for the registration of men and women for the draft.

Carter's proposal has run into repeated opposition in Congress, with prospects of registration virtually dead. Congressional administration sources said this week, however, that money to register men is likely

to be approved, although the outcome is still uncertain.

Carter, who says registration is needed to send the Soviet Union a signal of America's military resolve, has called criticism by young persons of his proposal "a gross overreaction."

Some young people have openly supported registration and three weeks ago it received the endorsement of the country's labor leaders.

Carter's plan calls for the registration of all 19 — and 20-year-old born in 1960 and 1961. He has not asked to resume the draft.

Conscription was first introduced in the United States during the 1861-1865 Civil War. Congress enacted the first legislation covering the drafting of men for military service in 1917. The draft was abolished in June 1973 in favor of an all-volunteer army. Military registration ended in 1975.



BEATING THE BLIND: A Delhi policeman swings a cane at a blind man who is also grabbed by another policeman during a rally recently by about 500 blind persons. The incident triggered angry protests in the Indian Parliament and an apology from Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

38th crisis in 35 years

Italian government toppled

ROME, March 21 (R) — Italian political leaders are facing their 38th government crisis since World War II, coupled with a violent challenge to their authority from far-left urban guerrillas who have killed three magistrates this week.

Christian Democratic Premier Francesco Cossiga's minority three-party coalition resigned Tuesday night after the Socialist group said it would not give any more indirect support, which it had provided by abstaining in parliamentary votes.

Cossiga, who is staying on as caretaker premier, told parliament: "We need a clear and stable political order... the people have a right to see their public institutions functioning better."

President Sandro Pertini planned meetings with political leaders over the government

crisis, and talks with police chiefs over the fresh wave of political violence.

Left-wing guerrillas have killed three magistrates this week.

The far-left "Front Line" guerrilla group claimed responsibility for the death of Guido Gali, killed Tuesday as he entered a building on the Milan University campus to deliver a lecture on criminology.

On Tuesday, magistrate Girolamo Minervini died in a hail of bullets as he traveled on a crowded bus in Rome. Nicola Giacumbi was killed on Sunday night while returning to his home in Salerno.

Political commentators say one solution to the government crisis could be the formation of a "truce government", which would stay in office until June.

In southern Philippines

16 die in Moro strife

ZAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, March 21 (R) — Muslim rebels killed 16 people in ambushes on the far southern island of Tawi Tawi last week, military sources have said.

They said Thursday the latest incidents appeared to be part of an attempt by the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) to revive interest in its eight-year-old secessionist rebellion prior to next week's Islamic nations conference in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Six marines were killed and an officer was wounded in an ambush on the island, about 1,000 km from Manila, last Friday, the sources said.

Mohammad Natsir, vice-president of the World Islamic Congress, said in Jakarta the Manila government statement was a slap in the face for Islamic foreign ministers who had been striving for a solution to the Moro problem based on the Tripoli agreement.

Natsir warned the Philippines government against escalating its conflict with the Muslim rebels and said repudiation of the Tripoli agreement could only aggravate the situation.

In Kuala Lumpur, a statement by an MNLF representative warned that the liberation front would be forced to fight for complete independence of the southern Philippines if Manila unilaterally repudiated the Tripoli agreement.

Two women, two children and six members of a paramilitary village defense unit were killed in a second attack the next day, in which five people were also wounded.

The Tawi Tawi attacks followed five months of strikes against timber trucks in the area north and east of the Zamboanga military regional headquarters, in which at least 21 people were killed and 33 wounded this month.

Transit workers' walkout halts Tokyo trains

TOKYO, March 21 (AP) — The 5,600-member labor union of Keisei Electric Railway Co. staged a half-day walkout in and around the capital area Friday resulting in the cancellation of 435 train runs and 5,841 bus runs.

Transportation officials said more than half a million commuters were inconvenienced.

The union said the strike was to protest the company's recent withdrawal from the Japan Non-Government Railways Association, an organization of private railway firms.

The withdrawal, the union contended, would mean a wage increase offer this year would be lower than a coordinated pay increase rate the association would come up with sometime next month.

The company said it withdrew from the association because of financial deficits which it said would make it unable to offer wage increases of the same level as those of other association member firms.

Keisei operates trains and buses between Tokyo's Ueno Station and cities in Chiba prefecture, including the new Tokyo International Airport of Narita.

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Production reduced

Libya cuts oil sales 15%

ROME, March 21 (R) — Libya is cutting oil production, running at about two million barrels per day last year, with foreign sales being reduced from April 1 by about 15 per cent.

Benedetto Cao, a senior official of the Italian state oil company AGIP, which runs a joint venture with its Libyan equivalent, said Friday that Libya had reduced production and had advised all purchasers of the consequent cuts in sales which would average between 15 and 16 per cent.

Major buyers of Libyan crude include Exxon, Occidental, and Shell as well as AGIP.

"We do not know what the reason for the cut is," Cao added, "but it was appar-

ently a political decision and might represent a desire to conserve Libyan supplies."

The oil industry had expected Libya to cut production this year, in line with some other OPEC members such as Kuwait which plans a 25 per cent reduction from April 1 to 1.5 million barrels per day.

Producers are trimming output because of a modest glut of oil. Demand has fallen following a mild northern winter and a slowing of economic growth in industrial countries.

Industry sources said total OPEC output in January averaged 29.5 million barrels per day, compared with 30.7 million in December.

EEC downplays Thatcher fund withholding threat

BRUSSELS, March 21 (R) — Common Market officials sought to dampen the controversy set off when British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher threatened to withhold funds to back her government's demands for a cut in its EEC budget contributions.

Some EEC diplomats in Brussels regarded both Mrs. Thatcher's threat, made during intense questioning in Parliament, and a call by French Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac for Britain's expulsion from the community, as political posturing prior to the March 31 Common Market summit.

In London, informed British sources said Mrs. Thatcher wanted to show her determination to reduce Britain's contribution to the 1980 EEC budget, estimated at about \$1.1 billion. The sources termed her remarks in Parliament as "pre-conference atmospherics."

Mrs. Thatcher said, "If we do not get an equitable solution, we shall have to consider withholding part of the contribution. I hope it will not come to that."

British newspapers widely interpreted this

to mean London would hold back its value added tax (VAT) payments to the EEC, estimated at 800 million sterling (\$1.75 billion) or about 80 per cent of its budget contributions this year.

In Paris, Prime Minister Raymond Barre said at a cabinet meeting that France was ready to discuss Britain's call for a budget cut as long as the negotiations touch on the Common Market's other points of friction.

He particularly cited the France-British "lamb war" as one of the community disputes which must be discussed. Others he mentioned were energy and fisheries.

Chirac, who is likely to challenge President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in next year's presidential election, took a much tougher line than the chief of state when he advocated British expulsion from the community.

In a television interview Thursday night he accused Giscard d'Estaing and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of apparently lacking the will to impose a firm solution of the dispute.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 7.00 P.M. Wednesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	7.34	7.45	7.37
Deutsche Mark (100)	179.00	185.00	178.90
Swiss F (100)	189.00	193.00	189.00
French F (100)	77.00	77.00	76.70
Italian Lira (10,000)	38.00	40.00	38.75
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	99.00	97.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	79.50	87.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.50	4.45
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.15	12.12
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.25	11.12
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.00	90.00
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.20	91.20
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.88	8.88
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.00	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	84.50	88.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Gold kg.	—	57,000.00	—
10 Tolas bar	—	6,550.00	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.40	—	13.50
Canadian Dollar	2.84	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	111.00	118.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	163.00	—	163.00
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	50.50	51.50
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	81.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	—	—
Singapore	—	—	1.55

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
3	Blanke Leonhardt	S.N.L.	Containers/General	19-3-80
4	Mervat	A.E.T.	Dunnage	17-3-80
7	Sag Star	Kanoo	Rice/Flour/General	18-3-80
9	Minden	O.C.E.	Reefer	8-3-80
11	Nessbank	A.E.T.	General/Sugar/Oil	18-3-80
12	Maracah 1	Barber	Timber/Tiles/General	18-3-80
14	Char Yeung	Abdulla	Containers/Steel/General	16-3-80
16	Kil Maru	Alireza	Containers/LoadingMTVs	18-3-80
18	Pytheus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	19-3-80
19	Told Arrow	Alsebah	Bulk Cement	18-3-80
20	Lok Vihar	Alireza	B a g g e d	19-3-80
21	Agelos Protastatis	S.A.	Cement	14-3-80
22	Krishnaraja	Gulf	Bagged Cement	8-3-80
23	Albyon	Barnadiah	Bagged Cement	16-3-80
24	Dalia 2	Rolaco	Bagged Cement	9-3-80
25	El Obeld	A.E.T.	Bagged Cement	17-3-80
28	George Z	El Hawi	Containers/Steel	19-3-80
30	Korinthos	M.T.A.	Reefer	18-3-80
40	Lella 1	El Hawi	Reefer	11-3-80
41	Vasja Alekseev	Barber	Timber	19-3-80
42	Artesaga	Alsebah	Timber	19-3-80
Ro Ro	Merzario Fenicia	A.E.T.	Bagged Barley	18-3-80
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Berth	Name of the Ship	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival
6	Strathounds	Kanoo	General	19-3-80
9	Corinthos	Gulf	Barley in Bags	14-3-80
12	Mellina	UEP	General	20-3-80
13	Globe Trader	Razayst	Barley in Bags	19-3-80
14	Ziarat	SEA	Bulk Cement	16-3-80
21	Pacific Importer	AET	Containers	18-3-80
24	Australia Maru	AET	Barley in Bags	14-3-80
28	Maria	Gosabti	Pipes/Phywood	19-3-80
29	Basilio	UEP	GenSteel	19-3-80
29	Chiko	UEP	Cement Silo Vessel	1-3-80
36	Pesara Faly	SMC	Cement in Bags	16-3-80
38	Sas Trade	SMC		

Iran trade regulations mean great commercial changes

TEHRAN, March 21 (R) — New trade regulations announced by the Iranian government could bring great changes in the country's commercial system and have important political implications, diplomats and economic experts said.

The measures disclosed Wednesday by Commerce Minister Reza Sadr give the government control of all imports and allow it to fix their selling prices.

Diplomats said the measures reflected President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr's aim of creating an economically independent state, increasing domestic output and cutting dependence on imports.

They would also help in the fight against profiteering and inflation.

But the effect on merchants in the Tehran bazaar, center for much of Iran's trade, remains unclear and the experts said it was hard to see much scope for private businessmen if the new rules were fully and quickly implemented.

Merchants will still be to seek out foreign suppliers. But all goods will have to be imported through state buying and distribution centers.

The merchants will be able to clear goods through customs with authorization from a state center. But they will have to hand over between 30 per cent and 50 per cent of the merchandise to the centers which will sell them through government cooperatives.

The system was announced on the eve of the Persian new year and the reaction of merchants will not be known until the bazaar reopens next Wednesday.

The bazaar, which operates from a large section of mosque-owned land in south Tehran, is an influential and very conservative body which has traditionally backed the Islamic clergy.

It finances a vast majority of private sector industry and commerce.

The economic experts said it has so far remained relatively untouched by revolutionary measures such as the abolition of interest rates announced last year but may resent what it sees as "unislamic" government interference in commercial affairs.

Bazaar merchants played a vital role in the creation on last year's revolution and their reaction to the latest measures will be vital.

Some diplomats say the immediate effect

of the system could be to halt new private sector imports until the situation becomes clearer. They added, however, that in the longer run it could simply become an extra layer of bureaucratic interference without fundamentally changing the highly resilient traditional system.

Other diplomats, taking a more positive view, said the loss of import business in the bazaar would be compensated for by increased domestic trade and more effective measures against inflation, now running at more than 20 per cent, measured by wholesale prices.

Venezuela hits oil import tax

CARACAS, March 21 (R) — Venezuelan Energy Minister Humberto Calderon Berti has criticized President Jimmy Carter's decision to impose taxes on oil imports as inconvenient and undesirable.

Calderon Berti, who is president of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said the new tax, announced last weekend, was expected to bring in about \$10 billion a year.

"This makes one think the main aim of the measure was to seek to balance the national budget, which has been in deficit for the past 12 years," he said in a statement distributed by the state news agency VENPRES.

"It is inconvenient and undesirable that industrialized countries should regularly raise taxes on oil products as a basic source of tax revenue," Calderon said.

The minister said he would have preferred a direct tax on petrol sales to the public, as opposed to oil imports, imposed by Congress.

As it was, the U.S. public might be led to link higher import costs to some OPEC decision, which would be a completely wrong conclusion, he said.

In Quito, Ecuadorian natural resources minister Jose Corsino Cardena expressed fears that the U.S. import tax would cut Ecuador's oil sales.

The minister said he hoped the U.S. Congress would approve a direct sales tax as soon as possible so the import tariff could be waived.

Market gains, dips, recovers, falters

NEW YORK, March 21 — Prices seassawed throughout the day making gains in early trading, faltered dipping into negative territory, recovered in mixed trading edging slightly above yesterday's close dipped again as the market finally closed off .68 at 800.94. All other DOW averages were up on the day DJTA 1.41 at 800.94, DJUA .50 at 101.79, DJCA .51 at 290.06 vol 36.91 adv. 887 Dec. 573 unch 399 new hi's 1 new lo's 120 AMEX 5.01 at 258.28 NASDAQ comp. 1.40 at 139.96.

Earlier in the day, F.W. Dodge said 1980 bldg. contract awards to decline 7 per cent to 155 billion 1979's 165.4 billion following an earlier forecast 2 per cent higher. US corp. profits rose 0.3 per cent after taxes for the 4th qtr to 148.08 billion annual rate. The Commerce Dept. also reported a revised real GNP increased rate at a 2 per cent seasonally adj. annual rate. Prices during the 4th qtr. rose at an 8.4 per cent annual rate rather than a previously reported 8.7 per cent rate.

Energy issues closed mixed. Freeport Mins. up 2 1/2 to 55 1/4, Marathon Oil up 1 to 59 1/4, Mesa down 2 1/4 to 57 1/4, Royal Dutch/Pete off 1 1/4 to 74 1/4, Std. of Ind. off 1/4 to 101 1/4, Mobil up 1 1/4 to 75 1/4, Halliburton off 1/4 to 93 1/4, Hughes Tool up 1 1/4 to 58 1/4, Transco up 2 to 38 and Murphy Oil up 3 1/4 to 94 1/4.

Growth and glamour also mixed. J and J. up 1/4 to 68 1/4, Smithline down 1 1/4 to 47 1/4, Baxter Labs up 1 to 39 1/4, Humana up 1 1/4 to 37, Digital Equip. off 2 1/4 to 63, Honeywell down 1 to 81 1/4, MMM off 1/4 to 48 1/4, Xerox down 1/4 to 55, Ma Com. up 1 1/4 to 34 1/4, IBM off 1/4 to 58 1/4, National Semi up 1/4 to 22, ComputerVision up 1 1/4 to 49 1/4, Hewlett Packard up 1 to 62 1/4, Procter and Gamble up 1/4 to 64 1/4, and Time Inc. down 1/4 to 46 1/4.

Precious metal and metal were higher. Campbell Red Lake up 3 1/4 to 31 1/4, Dome Mines up 4 to 60 1/4, Hecla Mining up 3 1/4 to 32 1/4, Callahan Mining up 3 1/4 to 38 1/4, Alcan up 1 1/4 to 53 1/4, Reynolds Metals down 1/4 to 32, Phelps Dodge up 1 1/4 to 31 1/4, and St. Joe Minerals up 2 to 45 1/4; among the aerospace, airlines and rails, Boeing up 1 1/4 to 57 1/4, Northrop up 2 1/4 to 49 1/4, Raytheon up 2 1/4 to 72 1/4, General Dynamics up 1 1/4 to 69 1/4, Northwest down 1 to 23, Burlington No. off 1 1/4 to 65 1/4, Norfolk and Western up 1 1/4 to 27 1/4, and Union Pacific up 2 to 45 1/4.

Basic industry issues were mixed lower. Allied Chem. up 1 1/4 to 50 1/4, Monsanto off 1 1/4 to 49 1/4, Intl. Paper off 1/4 to 34 1/4, Boise Cascade off 1/4 to 29 1/4, Weyerhaeuser off 1 1/4 to 29, Lone Star up 1/4 to 24 1/4, Owens Corning off 1/4 to 24 1/4, U.S. Gypsum off 1 to 26 1/4 and Gilbar. up 1/4 to 8. In the machinery sector, Bucyrus Erie off 1/4 to 17 1/4, Caterpillar off 1/4 to 46 1/4, Deere up 1/4 to 32, Ingersoll Rand off 1/4 to 54 1/4, Bally lost 1/4 to 25 1/4, Hilton Hotels up 1/4 to 28 1/4, in the gaming sector. Supplied by Merrill Lynch International and Co. Manassas, Bahrain

Federal Reserve pledges tight money maintenance

WASHINGTON, March 21 (R) — The head of the U.S. central bank has pledged to maintain a tight credit and money policy despite Congressional plans for slashing federal spending to balance the 1981 budget.

Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, said his fundamental aim would be to continue the policy until he actually saw a drop in inflation, now running at about 19 per cent.

A strong advocate of budget restraint to fight inflation, Volcker also warned it would be dangerous for Congress to cut taxes at present and predicted that the long-anticipated recession would occur this year.

Testifying before a joint Congressional economic committee hearing, he sought to dispel the notion that if Congress balanced the budget he could ease up on the board's tight money policy.

He said restricting money would continue but his job would be easier with federal spending cuts, removing pressures on credit markets that arise when the government has to keep borrowing to pay its bills.

Meanwhile, the House of Representatives pressed on with cuts in federal pro-

grams to meet its goal of slashing \$1 billion from the 1981 budget to produce the first surplus in 12 years.

A balanced budget is at the heart of President Jimmy Carter's new inflation program, combined with a credit card restrictions, and a \$1 billion import fee on oil to conserve energy. The fee will become effective May 15, raising gasoline prices by 10¢ a gallon.

Republicans in Congress are demanding tax cuts to improve savings and business productivity, and Volcker said enthusiastically supported them — not now.

Despite record high interest rates, slowing inflation, sluggish economic growth, and housing industries, the government was still able to report some modest economic news.

It said the overall 1979 balance of payments with other countries was near zero, with only a \$317 million deficit current account on goods and services bought and sold in international commerce. In 1978 the deficit was \$13.4 billion.

Congress restores banks' funds

WASHINGTON, March 21 (AP) — House-Senate conferees in the U.S. Congress worked out a bill Wednesday that would authorize a \$4 billion U.S. contribution to three world banks, restoring all \$1.5 billion that had been cut by the House.

The bill includes \$3.4 billion for the Inter-American Bank, \$475 million for the Asian Development Bank and \$125 million for the African Development Fund.

The House cut the bill to \$2.5 billion March 6, largely on arguments that the United States economy could no longer bear foreign assistance at past levels.

But the Senate approved U.S. President

Jimmy Carter's request for the \$4 billion U.S. contribution to the three world banks and the Senate-House conferees approved it.

After severely cutting the bill, House had added \$100 million for countries harboring Indochinese refugees the Senate-House conferees rejected.

Senate conferees argued the \$1.5 billion could not agree to increasing the bill to \$4.1 billion.

The bill worked out by the conferees now goes back to the House and Senate for consideration for Congress approval.

Soviets double Argentine imports

BUENOS AIRES, March 21 (R) — Soviet imports of grain from Argentina have doubled as a result of the U.S. embargo on sales of cereals to the Soviet Union, market sources said.

The sources said Soviet purchases of

corn, wheat, sorghum and soybeans now reached about five million tons, compared with an estimated 2.62 million last season.

The U.S. banned sales of its grain to Soviet Union in January in retaliation for the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Education, Eastern Province	Cleaning of the directorate building	32	30	March 22
Municipality of Buraidah	Supply and spreading of 250,000 flat meters of hot asphalt	—	50	April 1
University of Petroleum & Minerals, Dhahran	Supply of furniture and linen at the teachers' hostel and linen at the students' hostel	25	—	March 30
" " "	Supply of refrigerators, washing machines, cooking ranges and water coolers at the teachers' hostel, and airconditioners at the students' hostel	25	—	March 23
Directorate of the National Guard, Riyadh	Supply and installation of power units at the fire-fighting unit in Khassim Al-Aus	22-99/1400	200	March 22
Islamic University, Medina	Catering for students	14	200	March 29

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Rebeck & Wilcox	99	98	98
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BATS	231	230	230
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Bowater Corp.	169	169	169
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GEC	365	364	364
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Hanson	141	138	138
Hawthorn & Co. Ltd.	63	63	63
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Chase Manhattan	36 1/4	36 1/4	36 1/4
Chemical Ind. N.Y.	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Chemise System	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Chrysler	7 1/4	7 1/4	7 1/4
Cipac Millstream	71	71	71
Coca-Cola	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Cities Service	90 1/4	90 1/4	90 1/4
Clark Equipment	31	30 1/2	30 1/2
Clayco	7 1/2	7 1/2	7 1/2
Coca Cola	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2
Colgate Palm.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
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Belgium	51.4	51.1	DN 0.8
Switzerland	86.8	85.5	DN 8.4
Netherlands	80.0	79.5	DN 8.5
Italy	58.9	58.4	DN 2.5
Belgium	100.0	99.0	DN 7.2
Sweden	103.8	102.4	DN 0.1
Norway	220.4	208.1	DN 18.9
Denmark	111.4	111.8	DN 3.1
Austria	132.8	132.6	DN 0.6

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Olympics committees to decide

Europe balks at U.S. boycott support

STRASBOURG, France, March 21 (P) — The United States' efforts to put together a boycott of the Moscow Olympics has received scant encouragement from Western European sports ministers meeting here.

Of the 21 member-states of the council of Europe, the 30-year-old symbol of European unity, only Britain, Holland and Portugal voiced support for a boycott.

At the meeting of ministers and secretaries of state for sport Thursday, Sweden, Switzerland, Austria and Cyprus took a strictly neutral line, saying they would leave the decision to their national Olympics committees and not try to influence them one way or the other.

The other 14 member states also say the decision is up to their Olympic committees, but have not decided whether they will influence them for or against a boycott.

This breakdown was announced by West German Interior Minister Rudolf Baum, who is also in charge of sports and chaired the meeting on this eastern French city.

Even two of the countries listed by the U.S. State Department as officially pro-boycott — Norway and Luxembourg — turned out to be undecided.

Holland's secretary of state for sports, C.G. Wallis De Vries, told his colleagues that if they attended the Olympics, they would be letting the Kremlin "use sport for a very bad policy."

He could not see Western sportsmen going to a country "which has crossed the border of another country" with its army, he said.

British minister for sports Hector Monro told reporters that European governments lack popular support for a boycott. He blamed "the politicians" who have failed to bring home to the people the seriousness of what happened in Afghanistan.

French sports minister Jean-Pierre Soisson was most forceful in arguing against a boycott, saying it would be an intolerable mingling of sports and politics. He quoted to the meeting from earlier council of Europe resolutions against mixing the two.

Monro said to reporters that "in a perfect world" sport and politics might be kept separate. "But unfortunately we don't live in a

perfect world."

The French placed themselves in the camp that has not yet decided whether or not to influence its Olympic committees' decision, and some detected in this a slight softening of the French position.

French officials say they are disappointed that the Soviets have not warned at all to France's conciliatory approach of keeping its diplomatic lines to Moscow clear while demanding it withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

The meeting, billed as "an informal gathering" of sports ministers and not a full-scale council of Europe conference, spent only a couple of hours discussing the boycott and then adjourned.

West Germany, initially thought to be moving towards a boycott, also was non-committal Thursday. Sports minister Rudolf Baum, who chaired the meeting, told a reporter: "The West German position is to not decide now." He said no decision would be taken "without consideration of the position of our sporting organizations."

To counter Soisson's argument about keeping politics out of sport, sources said, Britain's Monro quoted to the delegates from a council of Europe resolution on sports in April, 1978, recognizing "that international politics have become involved in sport."

Soisson promptly quoted a different clause of the same document affirming "the independence of the national and international sports bodies in all matters concerning... the organization of the international sporting events."

Meanwhile, U.S. President Jimmy Carter met with 100 U.S. athletes at the White House Friday to discuss his call for a boycott of the Olympic games in Moscow plans for possible alternative competitive events.

Edward Williams of New York, chairman of the U.S. Olympic Committee Athletes Advisory Council, said 40 of his 47-member group will attend along with representatives of the national governing bodies of various Olympic sports and several gold medal winners.

The athletes have been promised that a

question and answer session will be held by the Carter administration spokesman after each makes a presentation, including the president.

Williams said the athletes will be briefed by Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter national security adviser, on why the government wants to boycott the Moscow Olympics and by Lloyd Cutler, general counsel to the president, on plans for the substitute competition, and then hear from Carter.

The Supreme Council for Sport in Africa (SCSA) will not dictate to member countries on whether to participate in the Moscow Olympic games, the council's Nigerian president Ibrahim Ordia said Thursday.

He told the new executive committee of the African Sports Journalists union it was up to the 48 member countries decide on their own athletes participation in the games next July.

Ordia said: "we cannot dictate terms to member countries. Who are we to do so? These are our financiers."

"But what we decided at our ninth general assembly in Yaounde last December was that we should take part in the Olympics."

He said he was happy that Zimbabwe had severed sporting links with South Africa and added: "True there is a little progress that has been made in the integration of sports men and women of all colors in South Africa, but that has not eliminated the system of apartheid."

The struggle is, therefore, to be intensified to insure that South Africa's attempt to get back into international sport doesn't take place."

The general sales agent in London for the Moscow games Thursday reported a 10 per cent cancellation of tickets despite the loss of 100-pound (\$ U.S. 220) deposits or more by customers.

David Dryer Sports Travel Ltd., said 4,500 of the 7,000 tickets allotted Britain by the Moscow organizers have been sold for at least 350 pounds (\$ 770). Prices of seat tickets for individual games three to 20 pounds (6 to 44 dollars).

Some paid for their travel and game tickets in full and will lose it all, Dryer said. Others



BOYCOTT SUPPORTERS: Lloyd Cutler, counsel to President Jimmy Carter and Douglas Hurd (right) field questions after a meeting of 12 Western countries discussing alternate games to the Moscow Olympics. The post Olympic games will be open to all athletes, according to Hurd.

paid only the 100-pound deposit which is lost on cancellation.

Dryer said he expects to sell only 65 per cent of the 7,000 tickets and is returning the rest to Moscow.

"We do not consider it viable to continue to promote the event because it would be against ordinary economic sense."

The British government is strongly backing U.S. President Jimmy Carter's appeal for a Western boycott of the Moscow games.

"We anticipated a profit at first," Dryer said. "But now it has become a nightmare. We are only insured against the games not taking place, but not if they take place and certain countries decide not to participate."

Dryer was appointed general sales agent by the British Olympic Association. More than half the Swiss who have booked trips to Moscow for the summer Olympics have cancelled their reservations, it was learned Wednesday.

A spokesman for Kuoni Travel Agency, which has been negotiating with Intourist on

behalf of all Swiss agents, said that of the 820 persons who made downpayments on trips to Moscow, 420 made use of an offer to cancel their reservations free of charge up to the March 8 deadline.

Any of the remaining 400 who still decide against going to Moscow will have to pay 75 per cent of the original price, between 1,500 and 3,000 francs (\$ 850 and \$ 1,700).

The Coca-Cola Co. announced Thursday it will support a U.S. boycott of the Summer Olympics in Moscow despite a contract to distribute its soft drinks during the international games.

But in a statement by J. Paul Austin, chairman and chief executive officer, the soft-drink giant warned it could not control the use of its products already available to Russian bottlers.

"The Coca-Cola Co. will comply with President Carter's appeal for non-participation by U.S. companies in the 1980 Olympic games in Moscow. The company has informed the president of this compliance," Austin said in the prepared statement.

'She can beat anybody'

Billie Jean King rides the comeback trail

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Billie Jean King, playing her "first great matches since 1974," says returning to the summit of women's tennis "is not necessarily my goal."

"On any given day I'm capable of beating anyone in the world. But I have to be reasonable at my age," said King, 36, the oldest player in the \$300,000-dollar women's championships. "I can't play week in and week out at the same pace that Martina (Navratilova) and Tracy (Austin) play."

King, ranked No. 1 in the world four times, lost to top-seeded Navratilova 6-2, 6-1 Thursday night after disposing of Virginia Wade 6-1, 6-3 Wednesday in the double-elimination championships.

She broke Navratilova's 28-match streak last month in Houston, where she won her second tournament title of the circuit, and had two other semifinal finishes.

"The feedback I get from the public is that she can't do it any more. If I heard some one say, 'she's in great shape and looks better than when she was a fat 22-year-old,' said King. "I feel better now at 36 than 23. I'm not tired physically at all."

Navratilova, who captured the Wimbledon doubles championship with King in 1979, said King "can beat anybody."

"The only way you can say she's really made it is if she becomes No. 1 again. People don't expect her to do it because she's 36. I wouldn't put past her," said Navratilova.

King has undergone knee and ankle surgery four times, most recently in 1978. She lifts weights to keep in shape and will take two weeks off after the championships to work out.

King, had the crowd of 10,312 at Madison Square Garden firmly in her corner Thursday but she never got her serve-and-volley game in gear. Navratilova was simply too strong from both the baseline and the net.

"Everything was low at her feet. She didn't

Fourth consecutive victory

Maravich scores 20 in Detroit rout

NEW YORK, March 21 (AP) — Pete Maravich, 31, is understandably happy having moved from the Utah Jazz, the team with the National Basketball Association's third-worst record, to the club that leads the pack.

"All I ever wanted to do was play basketball the way the Boston Celtics play it," he said Thursday night after scoring 20 points and helping the Celtics to a 124-106 rout of the Detroit Pistons.

It was the Celtics' fourth consecutive victory.

The Celtics had eight players in double figures. Rookie Greg Felsner scored 24 points for Detroit.

Mike Mitchell scored 24 points, Randy Smith added 20 and Celveland kept its playoff hopes alive by running its winning streak to seven games with a 109-96 triumph over Houston.

The victory pulled the Cavaliers within three games of the Rockets in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Robert Reid and Moses Malone led Houston with 19 points. Kings 121, Nuggets 105.

Phil Ford scored 25 points to lift the Kansas City Kings within one-half game of first-place Milwaukee in the Midwest Division, beating the Nuggets 121-105.

Denver got 40 points from Alex English while Otis Birdsong added 32 for Kansas City.

Greg Ballard had 30 points and Kevin Grevey scored 27 — including Washington's last five in overtime — as the Bullets recorded their first victory in seven tries over Philadelphia 119-113 and remained within 1 1/2 games of Houston.

Washington's Greg Ballard added 30 while Maurice Cheeks had 22 for the 76ers. Utah was even colder than the Hawks



DEFEAT: Victor Korchnoi raises from his chair and leaves Tigran Petrosian meditating for 15 minutes. Petrosian laid down his king after 15 minutes in a gesture of defeat.

Petrosian takes rest after dispute

VELDEN, Austria, March 21 (AP) — Following a dispute with the referee, Soviet Chess grandmaster Tigran Petrosian Thursday called for a third — and his last — rest day in his quarterfinal clash with exiled Russian Viktor Korchnoi.

Korchnoi and Petrosian Wednesday night played their sixth game to a draw, with Korchnoi leading his opponent 3.5 to 2.5 points.

Referee Harry Golombek of Britain on Wednesday had scheduled the seventh game to start Thursday the day earlier reserved for a possible adjourned game.

Petrosian, team contested that for lack of such adjournment, the day should be automatically free. When the jury overruled the Soviet protest, Petrosian claimed a rest day.

With no game scheduled for Friday, the seventh game will start Saturday, March 22. Either player may ask for a total of three rest days in addition to play free days scheduled by organizers under tournament rules. Korchnoi has so far not claimed any of the three rest days due to him.

Alexander Beilin, leader of the Soviet chess delegation here, said in an interview in future his team may not accept Golombek as a referee in crucial chess meets.

Petrosian, 51, who was world champion

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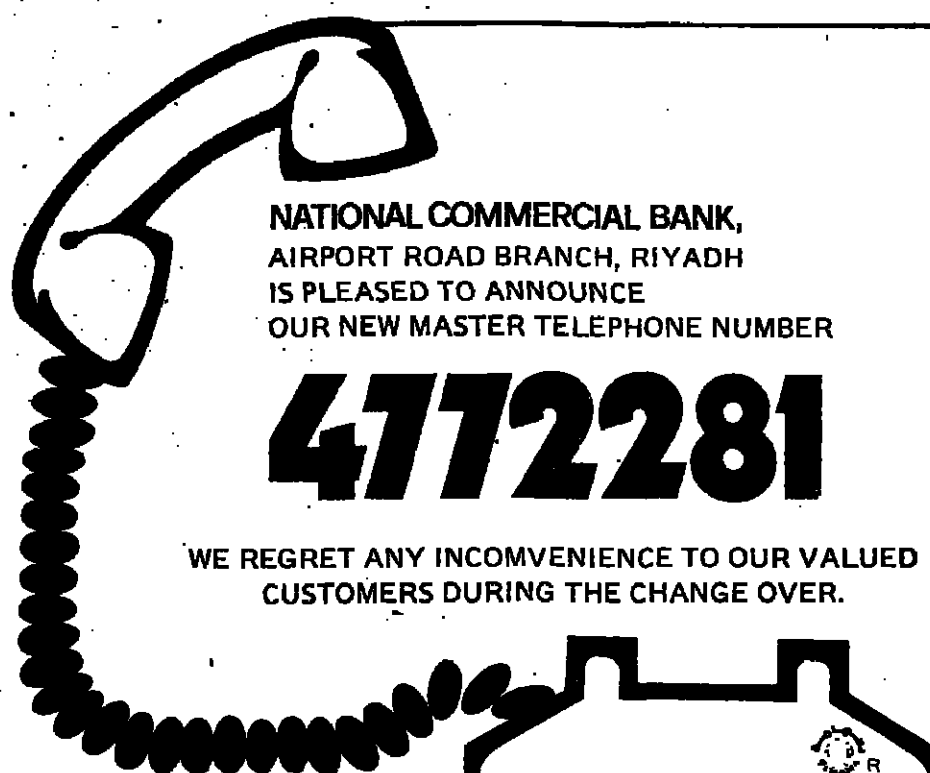
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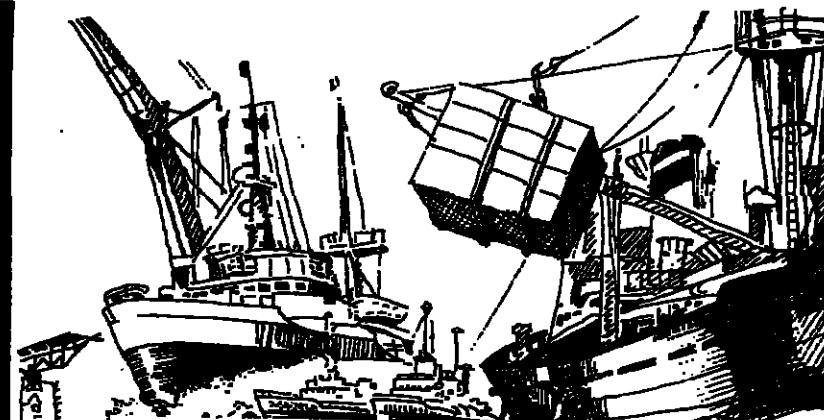
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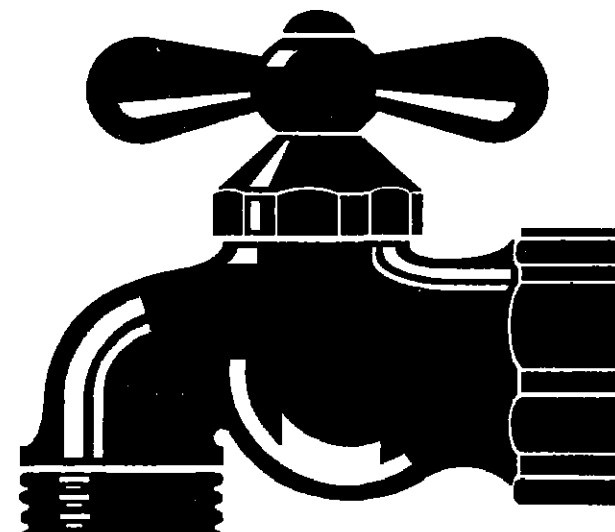
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2. Disappearing seat
3. Hedgehog
4. Western, e.g.
5. Bride's member
6. Cylindrical
7. High mountain
8. Cold target
9. Familiar article
10. Calif. tree
11. Success
12. Work for
13. Carnegie or Georgia
14. pling
15. Tense land
16. Mixing kind
17. Shape
18. Draper's measure
19. Card game
20. Man's name
21. Outfit
22. Flushing or plating
23. Germanized
24. Crosby-Epke film word
25. Lure
26. Different

DOWN

1. Waterfall
2. Scot.
3. Exorted money from
4. Down
5. Tooth
6. Sprightly
7. Roster
8. Poetical adverb
9. Skin softener
10. Set right
11. For each
12. Tyrant's cry
13. Principle
14. Of morality
15. Out one's
16. molars, etc.
17. Endless
18. One kind
19. Word with
20. house or room
21. Thrive
22. Thrive
23. Garment
24. Sled a
25. feature
26. Bee's quest
27. Season
28. Johnny

Yesterday's Answer

1. Initial

2. Historic

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♠ A 7 4

♥ J 8 7 3

♦ Q J 6 2

♣ 5 3

EAST

♠ 10 8 5 2

♥ 6

♦ 10 9 7 3

♣ K 9 8 2

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 9 8 2

♥ K 4

♦ A J 10 7

♣ 6

The bidding:

South West North East

1♥ 2♦ 3♥ 3♦

Opening lead — king of spades.

Here is a further example of the importance of forming an overall plan of play before you proceed. Assume you're declarer at six hearts and West leads the king of spades. How should you play the hand?

Actually, the issue is substantially decided by your first play from dummy! If you win the king of spades with the ace you go down one, eventually losing a diamond and a club against perfectly normal defense.

And if, at trick three, West allows dummy to win the diamond with the jack, you're on equally firm ground. You discard the king of diamonds on the ace of spades, give up a club trick, and later ruff two clubs in dummy to bring home twelve tricks.

The great disadvantage of winning West's opening spade lead with the ace is that it forces you to choose a discard from your hand before you're ready to do so. By delaying the discard until later on, you put yourself in a position where you can make the slam regardless of what West elects to do at trick three.

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE

Here's how to work it:

One letter simply stands for another. In this example A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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Medina	5:10	6:24	12:35	4:02	6:36	8:06
Nejd	4:40	5:59	12:05	3:30	6:06	7:36

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Time	Program
4:30	Children's Show
5:33	Disneyland
6:19	Boy Dominic
6:42	Salvage 1
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2:05	Gems of Guidance
2:10	Islamic Activities in Focus
2:20	On Islam
2:30	Hits in Germany
3:00	NEWS
3:10	Press Review
3:15	Music
3:20	Majesty of Islam
3:30	—
3:40	Light Music
3:50	Closedown

Evening Transmission

Time	Program
9:00	Opening
9:01	Holy Quran
9:05	Gems of Guidance
9:10	Light Music
9:15	Melody Makers
9:45	The Golden Age
10:00	A Viewpoint
10:10	Music
10:15	NEWS
10:25	S.A. —
10:45	Daily Chronicle
10:50	Hope and Music
11:00	A Leaf from Life's Notebook
11:10	Music
11:15	Mood Music
11:45	On Islam
12:00	Concert Choice
12:45	A Rendezvous with Dreams
01:00	Closedown

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Time	Program
8:00	News Roundup
8:05	Reports: Actualities
8:10	Opinion: Analyses
8:30	Dateline
9:00	News Summary
9:05	Special English: News; Feature: The Making of a Nation
9:30	Music USA: (Standards)
10:00	News Roundup
10:05	Reports: Actualities
10:10	Opinion: Analyses

Evening Transmission

Time	Program
10:30	VOC Magazine
10:35	America: Letter
10:40	Cultural: Letter
11:00	Special English: News
11:30	Music U.S.: (Jazz)
12:00	News newsmakers' voices correspondents reports background features media comments news analyses.

BBC

Time	Program
8.00	World News
8.09	Twenty-Four Hours
8.30	Sarah Ward
8.45	World Today
9.00	Newsdesk
9.30	Opera Star
10.00	World News
10.09	Twenty-Four Hours
10.30	Sarah Ward
10.45	Something to Show You
11.00	World News
11.09	Reflections
11.15	Piano Style
11.30	Brain of Britain 1978
12.00	World News
12.09	British Press Review
12.15	World Today
12.30	Financial News
12.40	Look Ahead
12.45	The Tony Myatt
4.00	World News
4.09	Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
4.30	The Pleasure's Yours
5.15	Report on Religion
6.00	Radio Newsreel
6.15	Outlook
7.00	World News
7.09	Commentary
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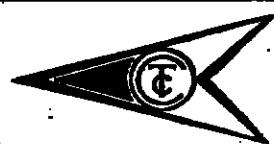
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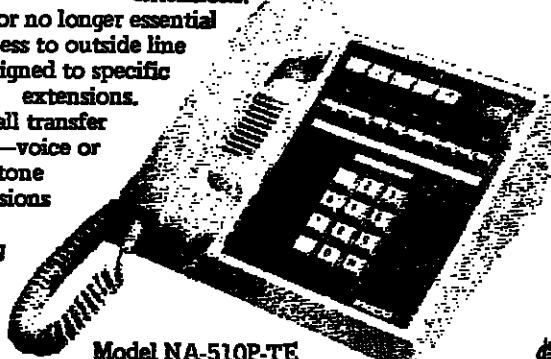
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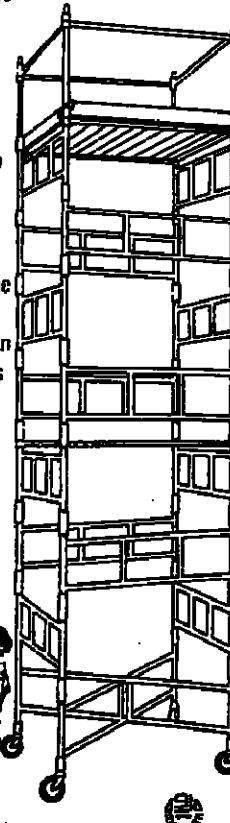
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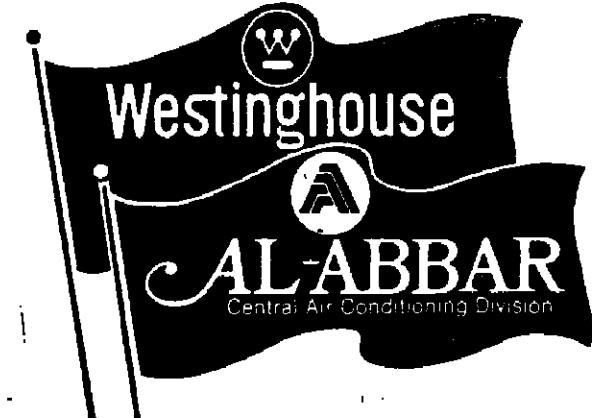
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By Tehran revelers

Freedom ruled out

TEHRAN, March 21 (AP) — The 50 American hostages in the U.S. embassy in Tehran will get Iranian new year treats but not their freedom until the former Shah is returned, their militant captors said Friday.

Meanwhile, Ayatollah Khomeini called for a crackdown on foes of his regime, and President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr warned, "I will have no mercy. I will put all the plotters down." He addressed a rally that had just heard Khomeini's new year's message.

A spokesman for the embassy captors, reached by telephone from Nicosia, Cyprus, said of the hostages, "We will give them goodies and cookies. It will be a simple ceremony."

"Tonight you will understand what we will do. We will give prizes to a couple of them." He did not describe the prizes.

Asked whether this meant some of the hostages — who began their 139th day in captivity Friday — might be freed, the captor said: "No, none of them will be released. They will not be released until the criminal Shah is returned to Iran."

Khomeini's message was read by his son Ahmad to hundreds of thousands of Iranians

Dollar rebounds in profit-taking; gold prices fall

LONDON, March 21 (AP) — After falling for two days due largely to profit-taking, the U.S. dollar advanced Friday against major world currencies.

Gold prices fell despite official South African confirmation that it has cut back bullion sales. South Africa supplies more than half the world's gold.

After dropping \$14 to \$15 an ounce in New York overnight to a closing level of \$535-\$536 gold retreated further Friday in Hong Kong to close at \$525.53 down \$22.60.

At mid-morning, London's big five bullion dealers "fixed" the gold price at \$535 an ounce, down from \$552.50 late Thursday. In Zurich, the price was \$536 off from \$551.

Rumors of a South African outbreak in sales had contributed to a sharp gold rally mid-week, but even confirmation of lower output by South African Finance Minister Owen Harwood failed to stem Friday's decline.

Silver was one dollar lower in London at \$21.25 an ounce.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 528.50
Paris 537.08
Frankfurt 530.52
Zurich 524.00
Hong Kong 525.53.

jamming Tehran's cemetery to visit the graves of relatives killed in the revolution against the Shah.

"I want this year to be the year of security in Iran so people may live in peace and prosperity," the message said. It said saboteurs of oil pipelines must be punished, troublemakers in the army expelled, armed groups inciting strikes stopped and the revolutionary courts barred from using armed groups.

In addition, the ayatollah attacked people he said were enemies to Islam. He included some university teachers, journalists and Marxist groups. He also said any disorderly conduct by revolutionary guardsmen will result in expulsion from the guard corps.

As freedom for the hostages looked farther and farther away, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim cautioned the United States against military action in Iran.

"If you think you can solve this problem by force you are wrong" because that would jeopardize the lives of the captives and "create an explosion" in the entire Middle East, Waldheim told a news conference Thursday.

Waldheim, in Washington for a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, was concerned about a call by Senate Republicans to consider a naval blockade and mining of Iran's ports.

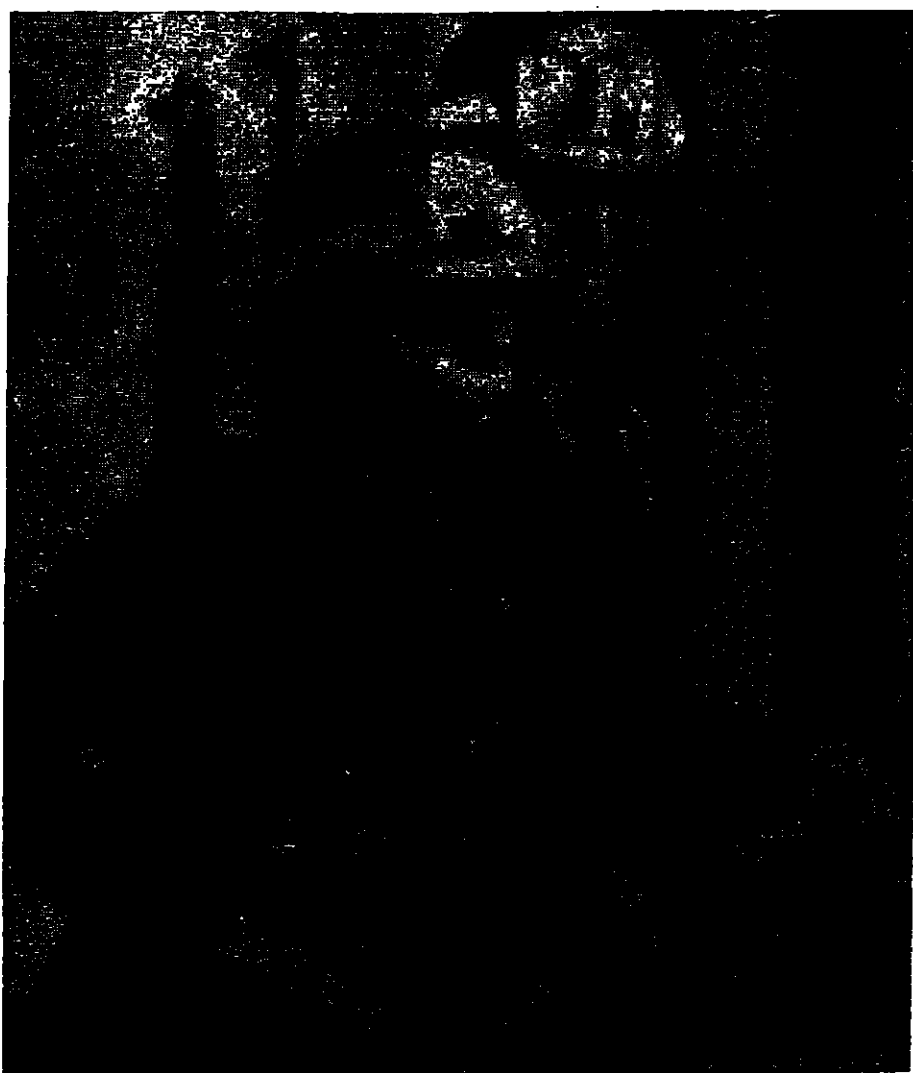
Waldheim praised U.S. President Jimmy Carter's "restraint and firmness." He said he was confident "patience and perseverance" will lead to the release of the embassy hostages and the three American diplomats who are prisoners at the Iranian foreign ministry.

Waldheim said he was hopeful the U.N. investigating commission will be allowed to return to Iran after the new Parliament is elected. And he said he had received indications recently that the crisis will end regardless of who wins the election.

He did not say what the indications were. But the U.S. government told the International Court of Justice Thursday the signals coming from Iran suggest the hostages may be held "indefinitely."

State Department legal adviser Roberts B. Owen ended a three-day appearance before the world court at The Hague with an appeal for a speedy final judgement against the Iranian revolutionary regime. He said the court is the most promising hope for the ultimate release of the hostages. But the Iranians ignored an interim demand from the court on Dec. 15 for the release of the captives, and they are expected to do likewise if the final ruling is not to their liking.

Khomeini, the leader of the Iranian revolutionary regime, has said the 270 members of the new Majlis, the Iranian parliament, will decide whether to free the hostages, and Ayatollah Beheshti, first secretary of the ruling Revolutionary Council, has said the Majlis couldn't discuss the issue until mid-May. But further delays in that schedule now appear in prospect.



ON GUARD: Two Colombian military policemen stand guard near the Dominican Republic embassy in Bogotá. Negotiations are set to resume Monday between the Colombian government and guerrillas holding hostages in the mission.

In Colombia

Embassy talks to resume

BOGOTA, March 21 (AP) — The Colombian government has agreed to a request from hostages and guerrillas in the Dominican Republic embassy here to resume direct negotiations "without conditions" with the M-19 guerrillas.

The decision Thursday came 23 days after the takeover of the embassy, where 32 hostages still are being held, and eight days after the talks stalled.

Foreign Minister Diego Uribe Vargas said the talks, first scheduled for Friday, would be held Monday. The postponement followed a meeting Thursday between Uribe Vargas, President Julio Cesar Turbay Ayala and representatives from countries whose diplomats are being held hostages.

Uribe Vargas said the talks are to be resumed "by initiative of the ambassadors held hostage, with the approval of commandante No. 1 and without conditions."

Numa Quevedo, a Venezuelan special envoy sent to Colombia to deal with the

Tito's condition remains grave

BELGRADE, March 21 (AP) — President Josip Broz Tito's doctors said Friday his condition remained very grave and without major changes from the day before.

Tito's eight-doctor medical panel said it was continuing intensive treatment to keep the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader alive.

"The general state of health of President of the Republic Josip Broz Tito, which is without any further significant changes compared to yesterday, remains very grave," the doctors said in their mid-day medical advisory.

Tito was in his 70th straight day of hospitalization, suffering from kidney failure, heart weakness, pneumonia, internal bleeding and fever.

His doctors had said the day before a problem of voluminous bleeding in the stomach had almost stopped and there were signs of abatement in the pneumonia.

Tito has been kept alive with an artificial kidney machine since at least Feb. 22, the day before doctors first disclosed his pneumonia and five days before they revealed the bleeding problem.

CIA men blamed for Indian unrest

NEW DELHI, March 21 (R) — Home Minister Zail Singh intimated Friday that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) was behind the unrest in India's troubled north-east region bordering Communist China and Burma, the Press Trust of India reported.

Singh told parliament that U.S. Ambassador Robert Goheen "along with some CIA agents" toured the north-east last year. "It is now clear which are the forces behind the agitation," he said.

He told a Communist party questioner that the Soviet Union was not among these forces.

Singh had intervened in discussion about the north eastern region, where 81 people have been killed and 15,000 made homeless in Assam state since last September. The Assamese have been agitating against people coming into the state from other areas.

There have also been attacks on officials and security forces by secessionist rebels in Mizoram and Manipur territories.

Martial law abolished in Rhodesia

SALISBURY, March 21 (AP) — Martial law, which covered up to 90 per cent of Rhodesia during the last two years, was lifted Friday, a spokesman for British governor Lord Soames said.

Nicholas Fenn, the spokesman, told a news conference Thursday that the governor signed three legal instruments that will effectively end martial law, implemented by this nation's white minority government in late 1978 to give security forces unlimited powers to act against black nationalist guerrillas in the countryside.

The British colony's 15-year-old state of emergency, however, was expected to continue after Prime Minister Robert Mugabe assumes power of an independent Zimbabwe on April 18.

A constitutional order promulgated in London gave Mugabe the option to allow the state of emergency, renewed by Soames in January, to run its six-month until July.

Emergency powers were first introduced by former white Prime Minister Ian Smith before he led the colony's rebellion against Britain in 1965 to avoid giving way to majority rule by Rhodesia's seven million blacks.

Fenn said "some hundreds" of people were sentenced under martial law, which gave Rhodesian soldiers the power to confiscate property, shoot curfew violators and bring to secret trial under capital charges guerrilla suspects or collaborators.

Soames signed an amnesty ordinance which conferred a free pardon for all politically motivated offenses committed at any time in the past up to March 1, 1980, and for any act done in good faith under the authority of martial law, Fenn said.

He added that prisoners guilty of politically motivated offenses in most cases would benefit from the amnesty, but those convicted of ordinary criminal offenses and tried by martial law courts as a matter of convenience would remain in custody for the time being.

It was reported earlier this week that all but one of the 1,279 blacks detained without trial under martial law have been released. The one exception faced charges under civil law.

Fenn also announced that Britain which had called upon Western countries for aid, was making an immediate and unconditional grant of \$15 million to help in the reconstruction of Zimbabwe and would be pledging "substantial additional aid" for the next two or three years.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

At a recent reception here, there gathered most of the colleagues who, for reasons too numerous and varied to mention, have been forced to ply their journalistic trade on these foreign shores, so far from the Arab world where the action, such as it is, is. Looking and listening round, I was startled to hear the same old bitter complaints, the same moans about life and work in Britain. Time has passed on, but the distinguished colleagues still appear that their lot is especially hard. Indeed they still think it worth it to write columns upon columns (*Mea culpa*, but never, I hope, again) of denunciations of every aspect of life here. As if the Arab reader does not have enough troubles of his own. As if their piddling little wrangles with the tax man or the printing press weigh anything in comparison to what people have to put up with back home.

Returning home, redlining in a warm bath, staring at my toes, reflecting on what a possible solution for this endless lament for the "hard life" journalists have led here, I found my thoughts cohering around a central point: These gentlemen, I thought, would find grounds for complaint wherever you put them on this green earth. Therefore to sea with them! To the foaming wave. No, no don't misunderstand, I don't mean they should be drowned — not immediately anyway. What I had in mind was something less drastic. A certain Arab businessman, I remembered, had bought the liner, famous in the days when crossing the Atlantic was done in style, the *S.S. France*. Couldn't he be prevailed upon to rent it whole to the entire Arab journalistic community in London? After all what we all pay in rents, transport, taxes etc. must come up to a tidy sum. It must be worthwhile to the businessman concerned, given the slack market in luxury cruises.

Imagine us there, all by ourselves: Telexes twitter on the sunbeds, printing presses roaring underneath, and us suitably attired for the everlasting summer (we simply follow the sun all the year round) snatching a minute or so between plunging into the swimming pool and partaking of the light repastes provided by the ship's famous chefs for a quick editorial on the hardships of this, the world's first experiment in floating journalism.

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